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Appointments may involve lay people

# Judges will face fiercer scrutiny

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

JUDGES will face increased public scrutiny over their politics and interests as the Government's human rights legislation begins to bite, according to the Lord Chancellor.

*Lord Irvine of Lairg* has admitted that such scrutiny of the background of judicial candidates is inevitable when the Human Rights Act takes effect in 2000.

He also says that he may consult over the setting up of a Judicial Appointments Commission involving lay people in the appointment of judges.

But he vigorously defends the present merit-based appointments system. Greater public scrutiny of judges' backgrounds would not lead to an American-style supreme court with judges chosen to represent a particular interest group, race or gender.

Lord Irvine's remarks, made in an interview with *The Times*, come at a time when the law lords, the most senior court in the land, are already under scrutiny over their interests and private affiliations.

Tomorrow lawyers for General Augusto Pinochet launch an unprecedented challenge to the law lords' recent ruling that the former Chilean dictator has no immunity from prosecution.

They seek to have the ruling set aside because Lord Hoffmann, one of the three law lords making up the majority against the general, failed to disclose links to a charity connected with Amnesty International, the human rights organisation. Lord Irvine would not comment on Lord Hoffmann. However, he said that media comment "about judges' political and social values as they interpret controversial decisions" was bound to increase.

"I will always hold fast to the proposition that this is a merits-based appointments system. I don't want gender balance, or political balance as an objective," he said, adding: "It would be highly desirable if it happened in the context of a merits-based system."

Judges had always been involved in controversial rulings, he said. "What are half the judicial review decisions but politically controversial decisions? What are the Pergau Dam case, school closures, hospital closures, but politically contentious?"

He did not believe that the Human Rights Act, which will see judges involved in a wider range of social policy decisions, would make "that much qualitative difference".

Lord Irvine also, for the first time, publicly defended the recent appointment of Lord Hobhouse of Woodborough and Lord Millett to the law lords, in the face of criticism that the appointments shifted to the right the political make-up of the court.

The appointments are made officially by the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister but he takes the advice of the Lord Chancellor.

There has been comment that the two men replaced more liberal law lords. Lord Hobhouse has been described as "deeply conservative" and both are commercial lawyers at a time when human rights issues are coming to the fore.

Lord Irvine said there was an "excessive tendency" to typecast judges. It was "nonsense" to say people's backgrounds determined how they behaved as judges. That had been proved with presidential appointments to the US Supreme Court, where judges had not acted as expected.

Lord Irvine went on to indicate that the law lords might retain a role in a reformed House of Lords. They had a valuable role to play, he said, exercising with "considerable self-restraint" their right to take part in political debate.

Lord Irvine's own reforms of the legal system, contained in a Access to Justice Bill, have their second reading today. He predicted there would be opposition to certain reforms but attacked those judges who claim that his proposals are unconstitutional.

Under the plans, senior judges lose their right of veto over any rule change affecting the profession or on advocacy rights. Instead, the Lord Chancellor, subject to parliamentary approval, will have the final say. But Lord Irvine made clear he would use this power only as a last resort.

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MATI STERNFAP



Chelsea Clinton escorted by Israeli border police officers in Jerusalem yesterday, when President Clinton met Binyamin Netanyahu. Page 10

# Rich escape funding new pensions

BY JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government signalled yesterday that it has ruled out cutting tax relief for the rich to pay for its radical pension reforms being unveiled tomorrow.

There had been fears that high-income earners might lose part of the 40 per cent tax relief on their pension contributions to subsidise new second pensions for the less well-off.

But Alistair Darling, the Social Security Secretary, yesterday indicated that the plans contained in his pensions Green Paper were affordable without squeezing the rich.

Asked on BBC TV's *On the Record* if the Government was tempted to cut relief for higher-rate taxpayers, he said: "I think you will find there are other ways of achieving the end that I want."

The idea of restricting tax relief on pension contributions had been considered by the Treasury, but was ruled out amid fears that it would be regarded as a back-door tax hike.

Mr Darling said that the Green Paper would be the most radical reform of pensions for 25 years.

"It will set us in good stead for the next 50 years, because what we will do is provide security for those on low incomes and, at the same time, ensure that people who can save both have the opportunity to do so and do actually increase the amount they are saving."

He said that without change, a third of those now at work would be forced to live on benefits when they retired.

At the heart of his proposals is the desire to get the eight million people who do not contribute to a pension to start saving. While those earning more than £20,000 tend to have company or occupational pensions, those on lower incomes often cannot afford to save.

The key will be encouraging these people to take out a second or "stakeholder" pension to complement the basic state pension.

The Government had considered making the second pension compulsory but has decided to use strong incentives. The Government is also understood to be considering subsidising the new second pensions by partially matching contributions made by savers. Carers and women who take time out of careers to bring up children are also expected to receive Government subsidies to their pensions.

Holders of the second pensions will be expected to contribute not more than ten per cent of their salaries.

Mr Darling said that the Government had considered compulsion. But he said that some people were so badly off that even if they contributed all their salary, it would not be enough. There will be a means-tested minimum income guarantee for the poorest.

Tony Blair yesterday backed the proposals, telling GMTV's *Sunday Programme* that people needed to be warned about the possibility of poverty in old age.

He said: "The huge challenge we face is that if we don't reform our pension system, people simply won't be saving enough for their retirement and won't have enough to live on, unless they are dependent on state benefits in their retirement."

Quentin Davies, the Tory pensions spokesman, criticised suggestions that the self-employed might still be forced to take out a stakeholder pension. "That will reduce the cash-flow available to people who are often struggling to build up their own businesses," he said on GMTV.

Steve Webb, for the Liberal Democrats, said: "It must tackle the millions who are too poor to save, and not just those on middle incomes."

# Hunger strike ends for animal protester

BY DIANA BLAMIRES

BARRY HORNE, the animal rights firebomber, gave up his hunger strike yesterday after 68 days.

Horne, 46, was last night being moved from Full Sutton Prison to a hospital in York after requesting medical attention. He had returned to prison from York District Hospital after refusing treatment.

The former dustman is serving an 18 year sentence for a firebombing camaign and was on hunger strike to demand a Royal Commission into the use of animals in experiments. Yesterday he was studying documents relating to the Government's position on animal experiments.

A spokesman for Animals Betrayed Coalition said last night: "Barry has finished going through papers today and rescinded his living will."

Horne had ordered that he would not be kept alive if he slipped into a coma. A close friend, Annette Tibbles, added: "I feel Barry has come off the hunger strike because the Government has proved it would allow him to die."

A prison spokesman said: "He is in a stable condition."

Horne was yesterday criticised by pressure group Advocates for Animals for allegedly drinking fruit juice and tea.

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# Blair calls for 'sense of balance' over Euope

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR today fights back from a bruising fortnight over Europe by calling for a new maturity in Britain's relations with its continental partners.

Writing in *The Times*, the Prime Minister pleads for a "sense of balance" in the debate over Europe's future and insists that his readiness to work with the EU will produce the type of Europe Britain wants.

Although Mr Blair said yesterday that Margaret Thatcher was right to stand up for Britain's interests, he uses the article to reject any comparisons and insist that he does not share her anti-European "attitude".

despite his call for a constructive approach to Europe, he still makes clear that he will use the veto to block any "foolish" proposals from Brussels.

His plea for restraint comes after a difficult EU summit in Vienna in which Britain's partners insisted that its £2 billion budget rebate be put on the table. It also comes after two weeks during which Europe's politicians sparked fears that long term plans for tax harmonisation are in the pipeline.

Mr Blair also delivers a fresh gibe at the press for its "bizarre" coverage of tax harmonisation issue. The casualty has been any sense of balance in the debate," he says. "A lot of the stories were simply untrue. The idea that there is some grand EU design to bump up taxes is just false."

In an interview yesterday with GMTV's *Sunday Programme*, Mr Blair said: "Margaret Thatcher was quite right when she stood firm for Britain's interest." But he said that he "profoundly disagreed" with her politics and added: "You don't have to stand firm by being anti the whole notion.

The extent of Mr Blair's task in persuading the British people about the benefits of a single currency were made clear yesterday when a survey revealed ignorance.

The poll of 1,000 people by BBC2's *Money Programme* showed that just over half did not know the name of the Euro even though it technically comes into being in just 20 days time. A survey of 15,000 people conducted by Talk Radio also indicated that 86 per cent - wanted the pound.

William Hague faced fresh Tory divisions over Europe. Writing in *The Observer*, Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor, implicitly criticised party spokesmen for fueling "hysteria" over harmonised taxes across Europe. He said the debate had "degenerated into farce" and insisted that a "massive raft of Euro-taxes" were not about to hit Britain.

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*"It's wonderful news — I've got the in-laws coming for Chritmas"*

## Rail ban hits commuters

Thousands of commuters throughout the Southeast face widespread delays today because of industrial action on trains in the region.

An overtime and rest-day working ban by conductors working for Connex South Eastern is likely to lead to cancelled trains. A union spokesman said the action would last for five days or longer.

# Canon offers a blessing for mobile phones



Canon Giles: "Speak gently in the ears of the users"

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
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A CANON of St Paul's catheral has written a "liturgy for the blessing of a mobile phone" and published it on the Internet.

Canon Gordon Giles, 31, the new succentor and junior cardinal at St Paul's, has written the service because he says mobile phones are a reality of life which must be faced up to.

"Whatever gadget we purchase, employ, give away or acquire for Christmas, it needs to be blessed," he says in the introduction to the service, published on his personal home page on the Web. Canon Giles, a Cambridge graduate, wrote the service when he was a curate in Cambridge and acquired a mobile phone.

While a satirical liturgy, which clearly lacks the *gravitas* of standard church fare, it is intended to illustrate a more serious point represented by advance of new technologies in modern life. The service opens with: "We have come together in the presence of God, to ask God's succour and support in the management, use and care of this mobile telephonic apparatus."

God's blessing is asked on the phone. "Heavenly father, in your great mercy you have given us this phone for the good use and benefit of all people. Bless it and all its users in your service. Speak gently in the ears of those who employ it, turn all their words to prayers in your ears and connect them with us, and you, and the Holy Spirit."

It ends with a declaration that the user has "pledged his allegiance" to modern culture and a request that no interference should cast asunder that which technology has joined together.

Canon Giles, one of two cardinals at St Paul's, said that he had not used the liturgy himself. "It is not an authorised piece of liturgy and it does not appear in the Alternative Service Book," he said. "As to whether others might have used it, I could not comment." His home page is: http://homepages.enterprise.net/gig/


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# Blair set to mediate over Drumcree

## Prime Minister hopes to end march deadlock before violence erupts again, writes **Martin Fletcher**

TONY BLAIR has begun an urgent effort to resolve the deadlock over the Orange Order's banned Drumcree parade amid fears that the protest will spiral violently out of control over Christmas.

He has invited the Orangemen and representatives of Portadown's nationalist Garvaghy Road residents to new "proximity talks" on Wednesday — just three days before thousands of loyalists stage the first of several demonstrations to support the Order's right to complete its July 5 parade from Drumcree parish church.

Neither the Orangemen nor the residents have shown any willingness to compromise, and many loyalists see the Christmas and New Year holidays as their last chance to get down the road. The authorities intend to move several hundred soldiers and police officers into Portadown before Saturday's march.

The blocking of the parade in July sparked a week of Province-wide mayhem that ended only after three young brothers died in a loyalist arson attack on their Ballymoney home.

Orangemen have maintained a presence at the church ever since, several hundred supporters are once again gathering there each night, and there have been periodic outbreaks of violence during which several policemen have been injured and one killed.

Fresh loyalist unrest would merely compound the problems David Trimble faces as he seeks to rescue the Good Friday accord after a week abroad collecting international peace awards. The First Minister yesterday insisted that he would not allow "a handful of unreconstructed militarists to derail this process", but fellow Unionists said the IRA's rejection of decommissioning on Friday night had greatly complicated his task.

Unionists were further discomfited by reports that the IRA had appointed a hard-liner named Brian Keenan to replace Thomas "Slab" Murphy as its chief of staff. Keenan, already a member of the IRA's seven-member army council, organised the 1970s bombing campaign in Britain, served 14 years in prison for terrorist offences, and has publicly opposed decommissioning. Murphy apparently stepped down because of the publicity generated by his unsuccessful libel action against *The Sunday Times* this year.

Mr Trimble accused Sinn Fein's leadership of breaching the accord by its failure to deliver disarmament. "The obligations are quite clear and everybody knows what they are and we know who's falling down on the job. It's Gerry Adams, and the sooner he delivers what he undertook to deliver the better," he told the BBC.

Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness accused Mr Trimble of capitulating to a "full-frontal assault by rejectionist Unionists", determined to renegotiate the accord.

More ominously, Gerry Kelly, a former IRA terrorist who is now an assembly member, claimed Unionists were trying to provoke the IRA into ending its ceasfire.

# Stronger defence team for ex-MI6 officer

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE EDITOR

THE lawyer acting for Richard Tomlinson, the former MI6 officer now living in Switzerland, is seeking a Swiss solicitor to fight any attempt by the Government to extradite the former spy.

John Wadham, who also acts for David Shayler, the former MI5 officer currently living in France, said: "I'm looking for a good Swiss lawyer to defend Richard Tomlinson if necessary."

His decision followed confirmation by Scotland Yard to *The Times* that Mr Tomlinson was now facing a new investigation on suspicion of giving information to newspapers which may have breached the Official Secrets Act.

One newspaper story claimed he had confided that a national newspaper editor was in the pay of MI6. This arrangement had allegedly been agreed secretly several years ago.

The highly controversial claim has been dismissed by senior Whitehall sources. They insist that, while Mr Tomlinson is clearly party to highly classified information, his allegations have to be viewed as suspect because of his grievance against MI6 for sacking him in 1995.

Mr Wadham indicated that, if the Government decided to pursue an extradition case against the former MI6 officer, he might have an alternative to fighting the case in court.

He said he had re-studied the judgment by the French judge who had rejected the Government's request to extradite Mr Shayler. "It is clear on second reading that the judge ruled that the Official Secrets Act itself was a political act and that anyone charged with breaching it could not be extradited under French law," he said.

He added: "The initial impression given was that the French judge decided that Shayler's actions had been political and were therefore non-extraditable. The new interpretation means that, if the Government goes ahead with the extradition case against Tomlinson, he could hop over the border into France and would be safe from any legal action."

The threat of possible extradition, however, appears to have had a sobering effect on Mr Tomlinson, who spent six months in prison until his release in May, after pleading guilty to breaching the Official Secrets Act. Apprehensive at the prospect of being held in a Swiss jail pending extradition proceedings, he is expected now to keep silent, at least for the foreseeable future.

# Tory think-tank calls for elected Upper House

## Bow Group's blueprint urges a form of PR for second chamber, reports **James Landale**

FRESH evidence emerges today that the Tories are preparing to back a fully elected second chamber as part of a radical overhaul of the party's policy towards House of Lords reform.

The Bow Group, a leading Tory think-tank with close links to Central Office, sets out a detailed blueprint for a democratic Upper House in a report published today.

The move came as the Tories continued to face the fallout from William Hague's dismissal of Viscount Cranborne for secretly negotiating with the Government over Lords reform.

It emerged yesterday that the former Tory leader in the Lords was not acting entirely alone when he held talks with Tony Blair. Sir Alastair Goodlad, the former Tory Chief Whip, helped to arrange the contacts with Downing Street from which a deal emerged to keep 91 hereditary peers in the Lords over the short term.

It was emphasised yesterday that Sir Alastair, who is a longstanding friend of Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, did not necessarily know the full extent of Lord Cranborne's negotiations.

Sir Alastair, who was Tony Blair's "pair" in the Commons for many years, insisted yesterday that he had "acted at all times with the full authority of Mr Hague".

The Bow Group report is the latest in a series of policy papers written by Tory academics and MPs urging the party to think more radically on Lords reform. They believe that by backing an elected chamber, the party can more easily challenge Labour's short-term plans for a fully nominated chamber of life peers while further reforms are considered.

The Bow Group categorically rejects the current Tory position of refusing to put up plans for full-scale reform until Labour reveals its own proposals. Although the Government is introducing a Bill next month to scrap the voting and sitting rights of hereditary peers, it has not yet unveiled any further reforms. Instead, a royal commission will be set up to consider what sort of second chamber is needed for the 21st century.

The Bow Group document, entitled *Putting Our House in Order*, sets out detailed plans for a fully elected second chamber to fill the policy vacuum created by the Government. The document, written by David Sinclair, a research fellow at the School of Public Policy at University College London, said that the Lords should be independent of government, have popular support and should represent a wide range of interests and groups in society.

The broad aim would be to reduce the involvement of political parties as much as possible. The report recommends that elections should be held under a pure form of proportional representation, such as the open-list single transferable vote (STV), in large multi-member constituencies. This would mean parties would have less control than usual as candidates would be competing as individuals rather than party representatives.

It also recommends that each candidate receives some state-funded publicity, such as an election address contained in leaflets or even ballot papers. Candidates would be able to stand as so-called interest group affiliates, acting as an official representative for a charity, pressure group, church, trade union or professional body.

Elections would be held — by postal vote to increase turnout — one month after each general election, to avoid the poll being used to express a mid-term protest against the Government.

The proposals are radical and would certainly face criticism for being complex and unwieldy. But they do represent a growing body of opinion among senior Tories that the party should come forward with new proposals. They hope this would help to distance the party from the perceived view that the Tories are simply trying to preserve the hereditary peerage.

☐ Robert Harris, the millionaire author and pro-Labour newspaper columnist, is leading a bid to buy *New Statesman*. He confirmed yesterday that he has been holding exploratory talks with the trustees who run the left-of-centre magazine.

Geoffrey Robinson, the Treasury Minister, who currently owns the magazine, is understood to want to sell. Mr Harris said that two meetings had been held but nothing had been agreed or signed.

The magazine, required reading for the Left, is often critical of the Labour Government. Mr Harris, who is a friend of Mr Blair and Peter Mandelson, denied that the bid was part of a campaign to make the magazine more Blairite. "That would be the absolute kiss of death," he said. "The joy of the *New Statesman* is its independence."



The scene at Villa Park as the emergency services tend to the parachutist. The fall delayed the start of the second half

# Man breaks legs in parachute fall

BY WARWICK MANSELL

A PARACHUTIST dressed as Father Christmas was injured after plunging on to the roof of a stand during an RAF demonstration at a Premiership football match at half time yesterday.

The man, the leader of an RAF display team, hit the parapet of Aston Villa's Trinity Road stand during the team's match with Arsenal, before falling 60ft on to the perimeter track.

St John's ambulance staff and paramedics, aided by Aston Villa's physiotherapist, Jim Walker, placed both the man's legs in splints.

After about 15 minutes, he was carried off on a spinal board wearing an oxygen mask. The man, believed to have carried out more than 6,000 jumps, was taken to the City Hospital, Birmingham, where his condition was last night described as stable.

Steve Evans, a spokesman for West Midlands Ambulance Service, said the man, who has not been named, had broken both legs, with one leg believed to have been "quite badly smashed".

Graham Liggins, the manager of the RAF Sports Parachute Association, which put on the demonstration, said: "The injured man was the lead jumper of the display and had experience of more than 6,000 jumps. He made a slight misjudgment, hit the roof of the stand, then tried to secure himself to the roof.

"He fell off the roof with an unsuspended parachute approximately 60ft and hit the running track that goes around Villa Park."

The incident delayed the start of the match's second half by about 15 minutes.



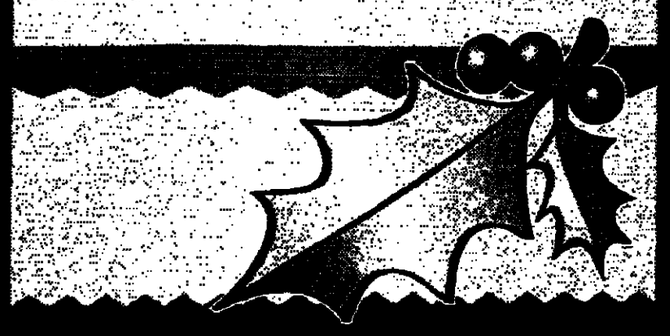
The parachutist strikes the roof of a Villa Park stand

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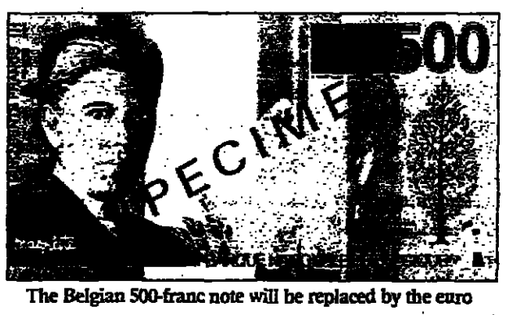
# Police want euro note scrapped

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE and customs experts are urging the European Union not to go ahead with issuing high-denomination euro notes because they will make it easier for criminals to smuggle large amounts of cash around the world.

Police, tax and customs experts fear that cash from drugs and organised crime will be changed into the new 500-euro notes.

Investigators say that £1 million in notes would fill two large briefcases because the largest British banknote is £50. The euro will be worth about 70p at today's prices and a 500-euro note would equal £350, so £1 million converted to euros would fit in a small bag.



The Belgian 500-franc note will be replaced by the euro

The notes are due to be issued in 2002 and some printing work on the currency has already begun, but, at a secret conference in London three weeks ago, more than 100 representatives from Interpol, the World Customs Organisation and the Council of Europe called for a halt to the 500-euro note.

The conference, under the aegis of the National Criminal Investigation Service, was organised by the Financial Action Task Force, which represents 26 of the world's richest nations. Formed in 1989 by the G7 economic group, the task force targets money laundering worldwide. Members were there to analyse trends and make forecasts about how money laundering techniques would change.

The call for the cancellation of the 500-euro note will be passed to a full meeting of the task force early next year. If it endorses the demand, it will then be passed to EU ministers for a decision. A spokesman for the European Commission in London said there were no plans to stop printing, but it was still possible for the note not to be issued.

The call from the investigators for action is the second time the task force has considered the risks from the new note. Earlier this year Philippe Maystadt, the Belgian Finance Minister and chairman of the task force, acknowledged that there were concerns and said that the European Central Bank, which will run the currency, could restrict circulation of the high-denomination note.

He said that the alternative would be to issue the notes but insist that banks report any transactions they they considered to be suspicious.

# Commons query on Pinochet 'warning'

BY JOANNA BALE AND MICHAEL BINYON

MICHAEL Howard is to table questions in Parliament today to establish whether General Augusto Pinochet was warned by the British Embassy in Madrid not to come to Britain.

Embassy officials are said to have advised the Chilean Embassy in Madrid three months ago to warn the general against travelling to London.

However, a Foreign Office spokesman dismissed the report as "nonsense", saying that lengthy inquiries had found no diplomat who knew of any warning.

Mr Howard, the Shadow Foreign Secretary and former Conservative Home Secretary, said yesterday: "We must get to the bottom of this." Mr Howard told the BBC that he would have let the general return to Chile, where he could stand trial.

Patrick Robertson, General Pinochet's spokesman, said that the general had received no warning from the Government. "But whether the British Embassy tipped off the Chilean Embassy, we don't know," he said. Mr Robertson also denied that the general had given an interview to a Sunday tabloid through his former Finance Minister, Sergio De Castro, in which he accused the Government of kidnapping him.

General Pinochet's lawyers will go to the House of Lords tomorrow to ask the law lords to reconsider their ruling that he does not enjoy sovereign immunity from arrest.

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# Curtain falls on giant of the small screen

**Carol Midgley on the career of a man who helped to change the face of television**

DESPITE a brilliant career of film and television hits, Lord Grade will always be remembered for his famous quip about one of his most spectacular failures.

When the £18 million movie *Raise the Titanic*, the fourth most expensive film ever made, sank without trace, Lord Grade shrugged and said: "It would have been cheaper to lower the Atlantic."

It was a typically robust response from the legendary impresario who brought some of the world's most famous programmes to television and had far more successes to his credit than failures.

Tributes to Lord Grade, who died from heart failure yesterday morning, aged 91, poured in from leading industry figures.

Sir John Birt, the director-general of the BBC, said Lord Grade, who helped to bring classics such as *The Muppet Show*, *Sunday Night at the London Palladium*, *The Saint* and *Thunderbirds* to the small screen, had been the lifeblood of commercial television. He was also the closest Britain had got to a flamboyant Hollywood film-maker, known for his trademark Monte Cristo cigar.

"He was a life force — a man of great verve and enterprise who helped give ITV its characters and its viewers enormous entertainment and pleasure," said Sir John. Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of the BBC governors, added: "Lew was one of the last great entertainers, a man who realised that life and TV should be fun — the most powerful force in TV of his day."

Lord Grade was described by many as being a genius with the common touch who was so enthusiastic about his work that he rarely took holidays and had no hobbies.

His nephew is the equally flamboyant former Channel 4 chief executive Michael Grade, whom Lord Grade described as "a very rare piece of material" of whom he was very proud. Last night Mr Grade said: "Lew was the last of his kind. A man of enormous influence and vigour. He changed the face of entertainment in this country. He was a titanic figure who will be very badly missed."

If Lord Grade had an Achilles' heel, it was his film work: the film producer Lord Puttnam said it was a tragedy that he had not entered films earlier: "He came at a point where his instincts and taste had already been bypassed. That was probably the one serious tragedy of his career and I think he knew it. If he had come 15 years earlier, he could have made a significant impact.

"I've never known and I will never know anyone quite like him. I loved him and that is not an exaggeration. He was ebullient, incredibly generous with his time, and over the years, with his money. He was a great man, always ahead of you."

Fellow film director Mr Winner said he was the "epitome of the word entrepreneur". "He was unique. He was part of the great entrepreneurial group of Jewish entrepreneurs who went to Hollywood, or in his case, stayed in England of course, and ran the show immensely privately and personally."

He added that Lord Grade had totally dominated British television.

"When he formed ATV there was only one independent television company — it was him and the BBC, and they were this rather sort of old fashioned organisation."

Lord Grade, who would have been 92 on Christmas Day, was born Louis Winogradsky in the Ukrainian village of Tokmak in 1906. His Russian Jewish parents had settled as refugees in London when he was five.

He became a world-class Charleston dancer before setting up his own theatrical agency and later becoming the chairman of ITC Entertainment in 1958.

Through his television company ATV he was behind such programmes as the Midlands soap opera *Crossroads*, *Jesus of Nazareth*, *The Persuaders*, *The Buccaneers* and *Robin Hood*.

Yesterday his secretary and close family friend for 35 years, Marcia Stanton, said: "He had a constant enthusiasm for everything he did, it affected everything he did. It is difficult to convey in words the energy he gave to those who lived and worked with him. He was very positive and generous in what he did conveying a sense of humour about life. Lord Grade would arrive at his London office at 6.30am until he reached the age of 78, when he gave himself an extra hour in bed and came in for 7.30am, his only concession to old age, she said.

He will be buried at Willesden Synagogue in north London on Wednesday.



Shows that aired on British TV thanks to Grade included *The Muppet Show*, *Thunderbirds* and *Crossroads*







First steps: Lew Grade and Anna Reth in 1933

## NOT EVERYTHING MADE THE GRADE

LORD Grade's film credits include the *Pink Panther* series, *On Golden Pond*, *The Exorcist*, *Sophie's Choice* and the disastrous *Raise the Titanic*.

Actors in two of his films won the ultimate accolade, an Oscar: *On Golden Pond* (Henry Fonda, 1981) and *Sophie's Choice* (Meryl Streep, 1982).

However his last film, *Something To Believe In*, released this year and which Lord Grade said was the most moving he had ever seen, was panned by critics. Billed as a weepy, one reviewer said that he had wept tears of laughter at its corny storyline.

These were minor blips on an otherwise spectacular track record. His performance in television is second to none. Producers today dream of making 165 episodes of a drama as he did with *Robin Hood*, or 118 episodes as he did with *The Saint*. Bob Baker, the producer of *The Saint*, said that he had approached Lord Grade with the idea in 1961 at a charity dinner. Lord Grade shook hands on the deal in a split second: "He lived television and no-one made a greater contribution to television in the sixties and seventies".

*Crossroads*, the soap about life in a Midlands motel, may now be viewed with mirth but it ran for 24 years. One of his best achievements was sensing the appetite for popular, family entertainment. His *Sunday Night at the Palladium* series became one of ITV's most successful brands, and he succeeded in persuading stars of the calibre of Bob Hope and Danny Kaye to appear in them. His other most famous achievements include *The Muppet Show*, *Jesus of Nazareth*, *Thunderbirds*, *The Persuaders*, and *Emergency Ward 10*.

# Government to tell teenagers all they need to know

BY JOHN O'LEARY

GUIDELINES on what every teenager needs to know to lead a fulfilling adult life will be drawn up by government advisers tomorrow.

A new section of the National Curriculum, to be known as Preparation for Adult Life, will cover issues such as citizenship, health, environmental concerns, creativity, and spiritual and moral education. Advisers are divided about how much of the programme should be prescribed in detail.

Among the skills to be covered by all state schools will be political and environmental literacy, parenting, basic economics, and risk assessment.

Schools will be required to teach the new curriculum to pupils from the age of five, bringing together the existing range of non-academic instruction and ensuring that concepts such as democracy and cultural development are not neglected. The package will include sex education and drugs education, as well as broader guidance on healthy living.

The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority will meet tomorrow to distil the recommendations of five working groups for a report to ministers in the New Year.

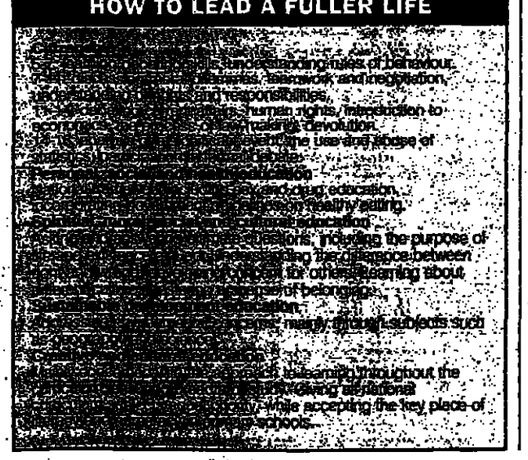
There is likely to be disagreement over proposals to spell out the citizenship curriculum in detail. Professor Bernard Crick, who chaired the citizenship review, is insisting that up to a quarter of a day per week be spent on the subject. The programme would cover complex issues such as proportional representation and European monetary union.

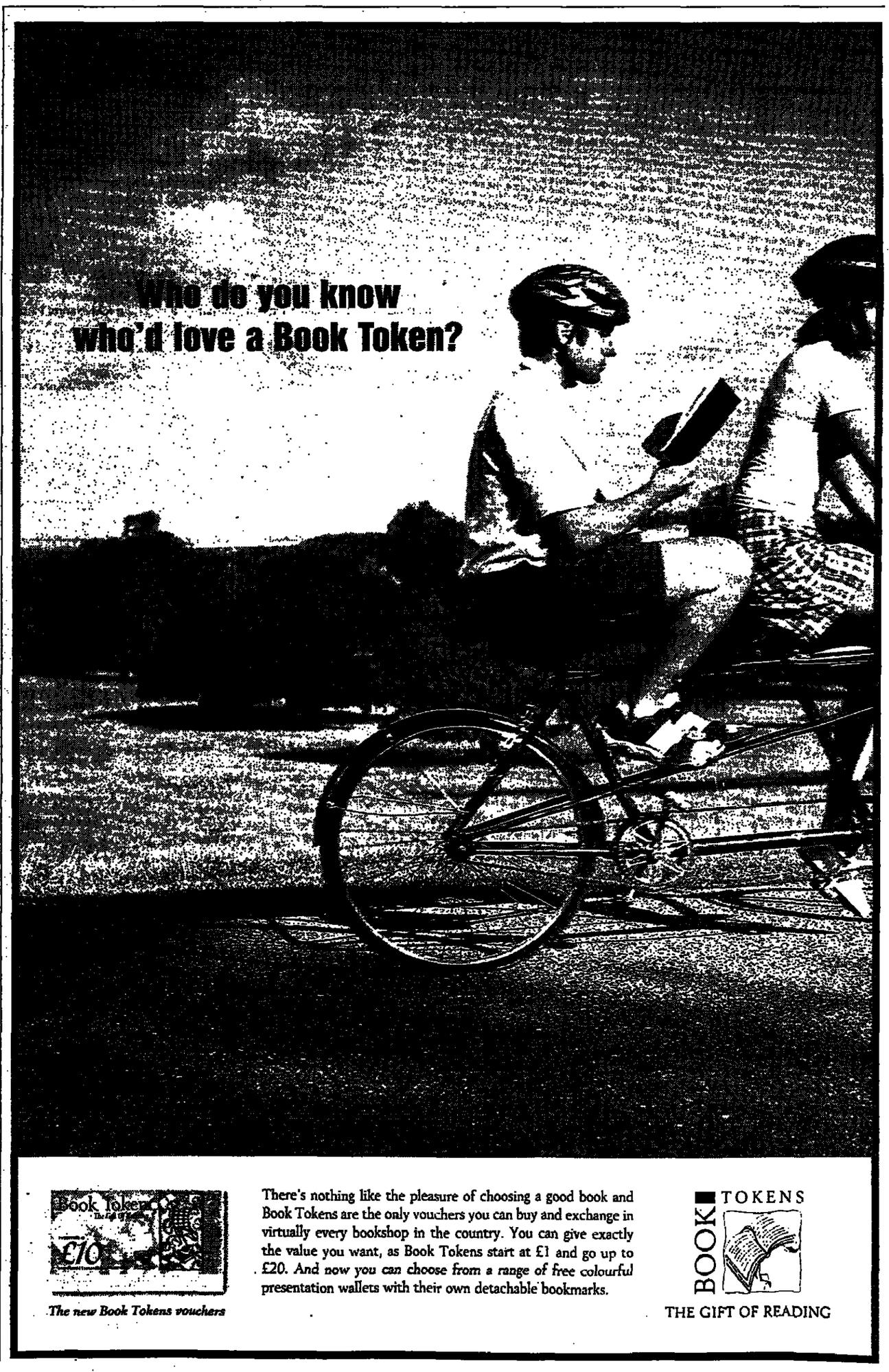
Teachers' unions are pressing for the guidelines to be as flexible as possible to avoid further overloading teachers. David Hart, of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "We are keen to see a coherent package which brings together things which schools already cover. But it would be wrong to make the non-academic curriculum prescriptive when the trend has been to free up time so that schools can be left to exercise some professional judgment."

Nigel de Gruchy, of the National Association of School Masters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "The Government must not try to please everyone with something they want taught. Most schools appreciate the need to teach these subjects but if something like citizenship is going to be added to the curriculum, its supporters should say what is going to go to accommodate it."

Several well-known figures have been involved in drawing up the programme, which will form part of the review of the National Curriculum to be implemented in 2000. Sir Simon Rattle, Lenny Henry and Dawn French were in the group on creativity. Sir Geoffrey Holland, Vice-Chancellor of Exeter University and former Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education and Employment, chaired the one on sustainable development.

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# Health warning on DIY kits for genetic testing

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

DO-IT-YOURSELF genetic testing kits, could soon be used by unscrupulous private companies to exploit public fear of disease, a leading think-tank warns today.

Allowing companies to provide such tests over the counter, by mail order or over the Internet could fuel public anxiety unnecessarily, unless the market for them is properly regulated, a report published by the Institute for Public Policy Research says.

Only a handful of genetic tests have so far been devised and their availability on the open market is limited. Diseases which it is possible to screen for include cancer, some heart conditions and cystic fibrosis.

But Jo Lenaghan, author of the report, *Brave New NHS*, believes that DIY genetic testing kits for these conditions, and others, will soon be as easily obtainable as pregnancy tests, which can be bought in most chemist shops for less than £10. "New genes are being discovered at the rate of one a day. It is only a matter of time before tests are devised that link them to certain conditions," she said.

Genetic testing does have enormous beneficial potential because it allows people to act before an illness develops. If you know that you are at risk of diabetes or asthma, for example, there are dietary and lifestyle choices you can make to reduce the seriousness of the illness or to ensure that you do not develop it at all.

It is equally helpful for families, at risk of having a child with a life-threatening hereditary illness such as cystic fibrosis, to know what are the chances that their baby will have the condition and what they can do about it.

In Britain, genetic testing services are provided principally by the NHS, but access to them is patchy and can depend on where you live. Ms Lenaghan believes it is only a matter of time before private companies step in to exploit the gaps in NHS coverage. As this happens and as public demand for genetic testing increases, more and better regulation will be needed, she said.

A genetic test does not currently require a licence as it does not count as a medicine and, although the Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing, a government body, requires companies selling such tests to submit them for prior approval, it has no statutory powers and its guidelines are not enforcable.

Ms Lenaghan also says it is important for people using the tests to obtain proper counselling "so that they know how to interpret the information provided".

She said genetic testing is not as simple "as, say, a pregnancy test, which offers a clear diagnosis and tells a woman that she is either pregnant or not. Genetic diagnosis are not so simple and incomplete knowledge maybe more confusing than ignorance."

Ms Lenaghan is concerned that the companies marketing genetic tests are fuelling public anxiety and she is worried about the private sector's willingness and ability to protect patient confidentiality, not just for the person tested but also for their relatives. And whether genetic test results should be disclosed to health insurers needs to be debated she says.

The report will be launched today by Hugh Bayley, MP, and Parliamentary Private Secretary to Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary. It calls for a national co-ordinated strategy for the development of genetic testing and new laws to regulate the commercial provision of genetic tests. It goes on to suggest that the advisory committee should become a statutory body with regulatory functions and wants kitemarks to be developed for accredited private sector providers of the genetic tests.

The report also calls for training for doctors to help them better understand, interpret and explain data.

## Tests can cost up to £1,500

BY OUR SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

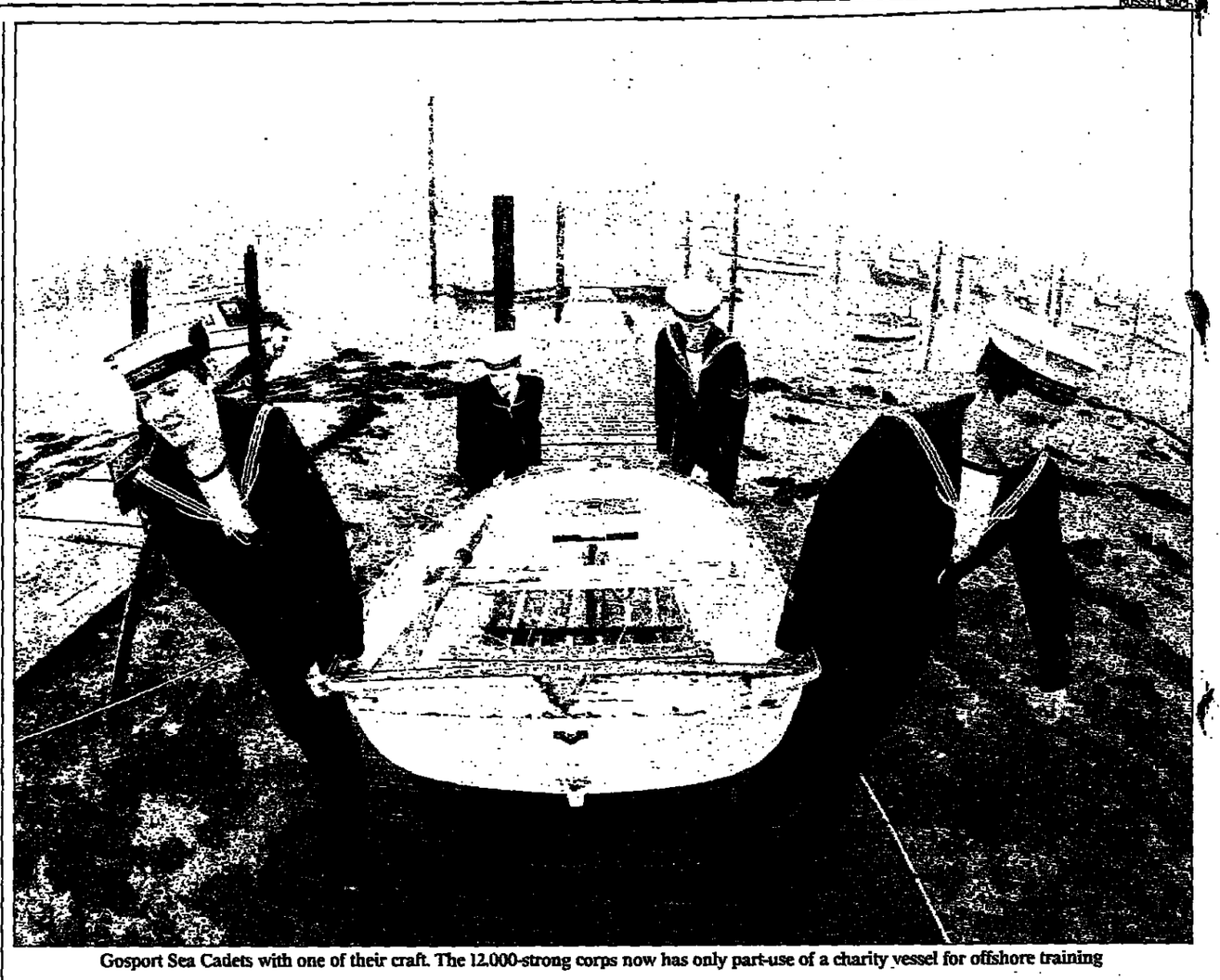
A COMPANY in the United States is using the Internet to offer tests for two genes linked to breast cancer and to ovarian cancer — BRCA1 and BRCA2 — for a price of between £240 and £1,500.

Myriad Genetics, based in Salt Lake City, Utah, also provides tests for genes indicating a predisposition to ovarian cancer and heart disease. The analysis is done on a sample of blood sent to the companies' laboratories.

A London-based company, University Diagnostics, has adapted for use in the home a genetic test that identifies carriers of cystic fibrosis. The carrier test, which costs £95, is designed to assess a couple's chance of having a child with the condition. The Cystic Fibrosis Trust often refers to University Diagnostics people who are unable to have the test through the NHS.

A mouthwash is used to collect cells from a patient's mouth. The user spits the mouthwash into a test-tube and sends this to the University Diagnostics laboratory for analysis. The results are either sent directly to the customer or to the GP.

The development of such commercial genetic tests can be seen within the context of a general trend towards over-the-counter medicines and self-testing. Boots has reported a sharp increase in demand for home-testing products in the past 12 months.



Gosport Sea Cadets with one of their craft. The 12,000-strong corps now has only part-use of a charity vessel for offshore training

## Safety changes leave Sea Cadets aground

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE EDITOR

THE future manning of the Royal Navy is at risk because the Sea Cadets, who provide many of the best recruits, are running out of training ships.

The cadets, whose lineage dates back to the days of Drake and Raleigh, have traditionally learnt ocean-going skills on naval fleet tenders. However, their two training vessels, on permanent loan from the Royal Navy, have been taken out of service and there are no plans, or money, for replacements.

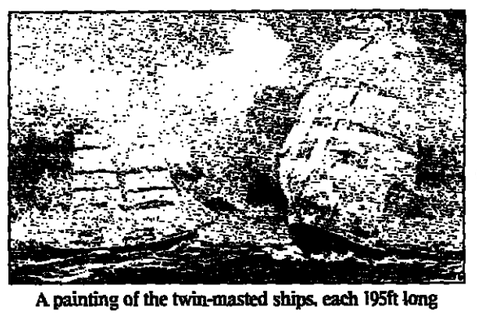
Commodore Roger Parker, in charge of the 12,000-strong Sea Cadet Corps, said: "This is a disaster for us. For our crucial offshore training we rely on the fleet tenders and now all we have is part-use of a vessel lent by a marine charity."

For coastal sailing, the corps has a square-rigged training ship, *The Royalist*, which can take 24 cadets, one 35ft yacht and a few dinghies. The 40ft tenders, which look like trawlers and are about 25 years old, have been scrapped because of new regulations on seafaring standards and child protection legislation.

The old vessels were not built with compartmentalised sections and, if holed, might have sunk rapidly. New tenders would cost £2 million each and the Sea Cadet Corps has insufficient funds, even though it is 50 per cent financed by the Navy. The corps, whose members are aged 12 to 18, go back in their present form to the Crimean War, when returning sailors set up Naval Lads Brigades for orphans in the backstreets of ports.

Uniforms were introduced when Queen Victoria donated £10 to the Windsor unit to buy sailors' outfits. The Sea Cadet Corps was formed in the 1890s and the Admiralty began sponsorship in 1914. Girls were integrated in 1992.

Commodore Parker said: "Part of the reason for the offshore training in the navy tenders was to make sure that Britain's great maritime heritage continued. Young people are taught seamanship skills. Of course the new safety regulations make sense but there are no replacement vessels."



A painting of the twin-masted ships, each 195ft long

## £5m ships for young sailors

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

TWO new sailing ships will give young sailors of the future a taste of what life at sea was like in the 19th century. The tall ships, the first to be built in Britain for at least a decade, have been commissioned by the Sail Training Association at a cost of £10 million.

They are to replace two ageing schooners, *Sir Winston Churchill* and *Malcolm Miller*, which have introduced more than 60,000 young people to sailing over the past 30 years.

The identical twin-masted ships, 195ft long, will carry 45 trainees, a permanent crew of six and 11 volunteer crew members. The contract for the first of the ships, paid for with the help of £3.5 million from the National Lottery, will be signed today. It is to be built at the Appledore shipyard in north Devon, and will be ready for the millennium celebrations.

Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, president of the Sail Training Association, said yesterday: "The new ships will have more berths, better facilities and lower operating costs than our two current ships. They will make a significant contribution to the development of our work over the next 25 to 30 years."

A berth on the ships is open to anyone aged between 16 and 25. Part or all of the cost of the £700, 12-day course is usually paid through sponsorship and fundraising.

Sir Robin said that many of those who took part had never set foot on a boat. "You can see trainees learning self-reliance and gaining confidence by the day," he said.



History of the Sea Cadets dates back to the Crimean War

## Vanbrugh's forgotten mansion to rise at last

BY PAUL WILKINSON

SIR John Vanbrugh, the architect of Blenheim Palace and many other great British stately homes, may be long gone but one of his designs could become reality more than 270 years after his death in 1726.

An English landowner wants to build himself a new house based on a Vanbrugh drawing of a Baroque-style turreted mansion that was never translated into stone and mortar. Neville Howard, a Yorkshire businessman, has had plans drawn up from an illustration found in a collection of Vanbrugh's work in the Victoria and Albert Museum.

His chosen site in open countryside near the North Yorkshire village of Tunstall is not far from one of Vanbrugh's greatest creations, Castle Howard, setting for the television series *Brideshead Revisited*. Mr Howard's project is for a more modest residence developed from Vanbrugh's floorplan and drawing of a front elevation of what the V&A catalogue describes as "a small house, unidentified".

It says the building has "good brickwork, sharply cut like cake" and a roofline "abnormally gay with little turrets, urns and obelisks, a statue on a pediment and a massive central feature of arched chimney stacks".

It adds: "Much of the plan is devoted to corridors and lobbies and a spacious hall with niches for statuary, one corridor quite pointless except as an excuse for more vaulting".

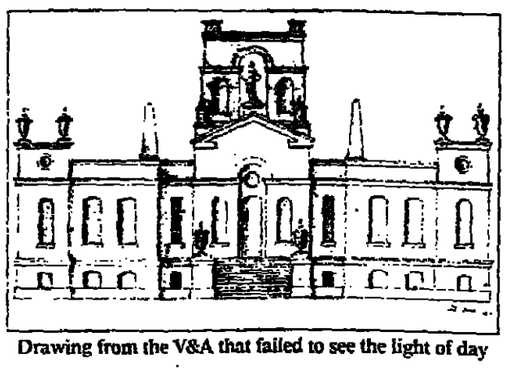
Michael Snowdin, the V&A's head of designs collection, said: "Vanbrugh was always jotting down his ideas and sketching things out to see how they looked. It is drawn on the back of a sketch for Eastbury Park in Dorset which was over a floorplan of Blenheim. Our collection is filled with this sort of thing.

"It was probably never a specific commission, but more a drawing together of all the features he liked to include in a house. This was not a permanent residence, it was probably a lodge to be tucked away in the corner of a nobleman's park. Somewhere where he could entertain his guests during a hunting party.

"It will be a very exciting project to see an original design of this great architect come to life today."

Mr Howard was declining to discuss his project until Richmondshire District Council decides on his planning application. But its dimensions on the drawing are given as 82ft x 41ft x 46ft high. It will have extensive gardens, and a four-acre copse to screen the house. The cost is likely to run well into six figures.

However, it makes one concession to the 20th century — the plans include concealed vehicle access to the basement.



Drawing from the V&A that failed to see the light of day

## Princess's butler will not quit her charity

BY CLAUDIA JOSEPH

PAUL BURRELL, the former butler to Diana, Princess of Wales, refused yesterday to resign from her memorial fund after the trustees gave him an ultimatum to leave or be made redundant.

Mr Burrell, whom the Princess described as her "rock", said that he would be back at work today at the charity which was set up in her memory in London's County Hall.

"I am still employed by the fund and I shall be back at my desk as usual," he said.

Mr Burrell, 40, who keeps a picture of the Princess on his office desk, was given the ultimatum last Tuesday during a meeting with Anthony Julius, the fund's solicitor, and Lady Sarah McCorquodale, chairwoman of the charity's trustees. He is now waiting to find out when he will lose his £35,000-a-year job as events and fundraising manager, to which he was appointed in February. He has not worked for the charity long enough to qualify for redundancy.

Yesterday Andrew Purkis, the new chairman of the memorial fund, said: "Paul Burrell remains employed by the fund as a highly valued member of staff. There is no question that he has been sacked."

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# Four partygoers feared dead as boat capsizes

## Boyfriend of ex-Labour leader's daughter may be sole survivor of Scottish island tragedy, writes **Joanna Bale**

THE boyfriend of the youngest daughter of the late Labour leader John Smith is believed to be the sole survivor of a boating tragedy off the island of Iona yesterday in which four other men are thought to have died.

Gordon Grant, the longtime partner of Catherine Smith, managed to swim ashore and stagger two miles to at a guesthouse after a motorised dinghy carrying him and his friends capsized just after 4am on Sunday. They had been returning home to Iona across the half-mile wide Sound of Iona from a Christmas dance on the island of Mull when the accident happened.

Mr Grant, 25, known locally as Pal, raised the alarm at the Sea View Guest House, the home of John and Tanya Nodding. Mrs Nodding said: "Pal arrived at the door about 4am.

"He was soaking wet and hardly knew where he was, and obviously very shaken and upset. He was really very shocked and disoriented."

Mr Nodding, a member of the Coastguard, called the emergency services and within minutes the entire community around the Ross of Mull and Iona was alerted to the accident and were out searching the shores and sea.

A major land, sea and air search for the men, involving a Royal Navy helicopter, lifeboats and coastguard teams, found one body washed up on the shoreline, but last night there was still no trace of the other three.

The dead man was David Kirkpatrick, 23, a fisherman, and the missing have been named as Logie MacFadyen, 24, a farm worker, Bob Hay, 23, a tour boat crewman, and Ally Dougall, 19, a fisherman, all from Iona.

The five friends had been to a Christmas ceilidh at the Argyll Arms Hotel, Bunessan, four miles from Fionnphort, where their boat had been moored. Mr Grant's father, also Gordon, runs a store and Iona's only bar. Miss Smith, 24, who is a postgraduate law student at Strathclyde University after taking her degree at Glasgow University, was believed to be at her boyfriend's hospital bedside in Oban last night.



Catherine Smith: at hospital bedside

Mr Kirkpatrick had just bought a vegetarian guesthouse, Iona Cottage, on the island. His father runs the tourist trips to the island of Staffa, assisted by Mr Hay. David Kirkpatrick and Mr Dougall were also crewmates on the Kirkpatrick family's prawn trawler.

It was Mr Kirkpatrick's great-uncle's wooden dinghy that capsized after reportedly being hit by a freak wave while making the crossing.

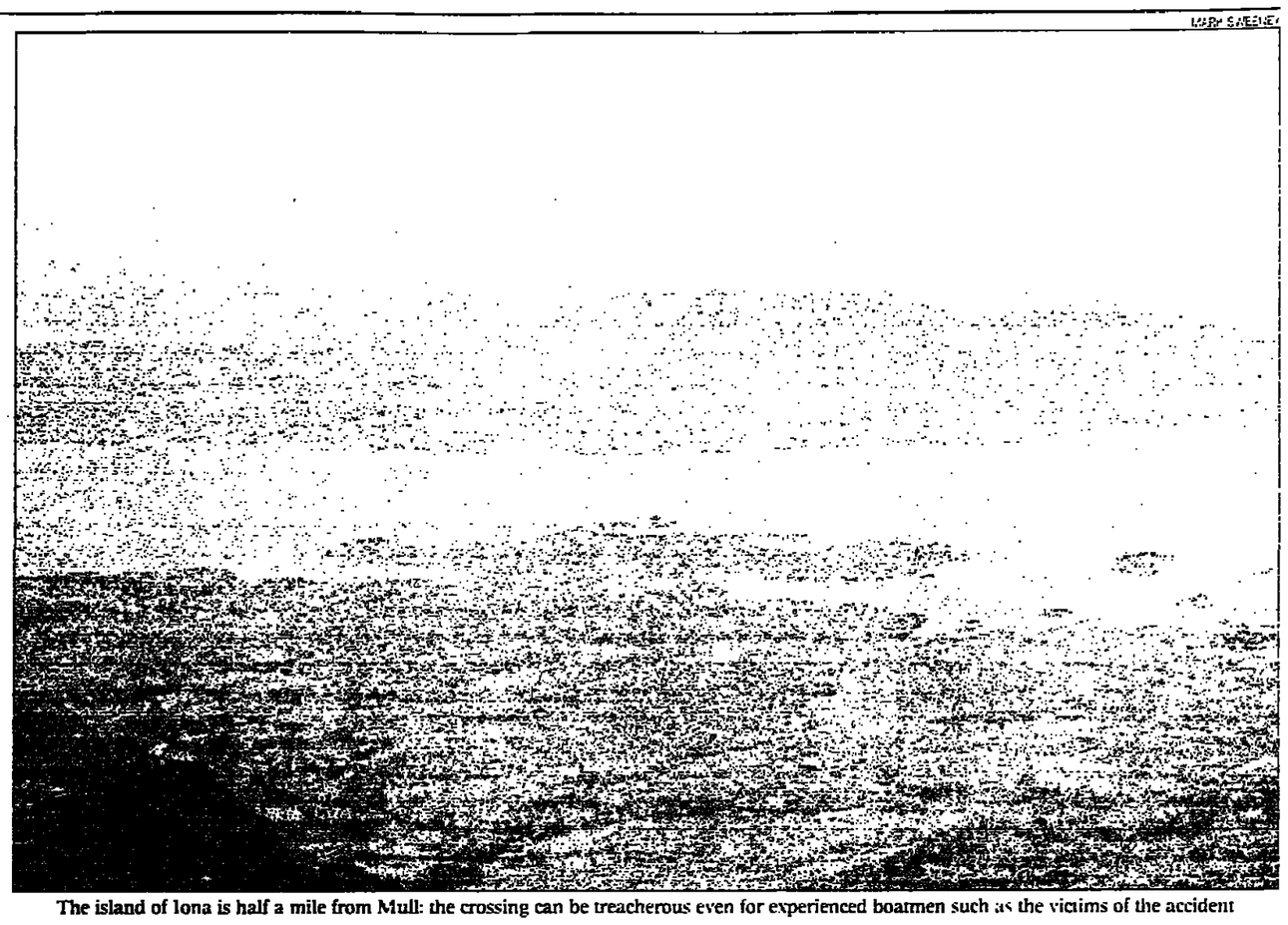
The operation was led by the Mull Coastguard Sector Manager Steve Monks, 49, who said all the men were experienced boatmen. Mr Monks said: "Ideally, the boat was probably a bit small for five people, but it would be an exaggeration to say it was overloaded.

"I understand the lads had been for a night out, but the drinking was kept at a social level. There was certainly no suggestion that anyone had drunk too much.

"Unfortunately it's usually the case that, as time goes on in this kind of operation, hope starts to fade, but there's still a lot to do before we call it a day." Iona has a population of 80, augmented in the summer months by visitors attracted to its abbey and its links with Christian history. The former Labour leader is buried on the island.

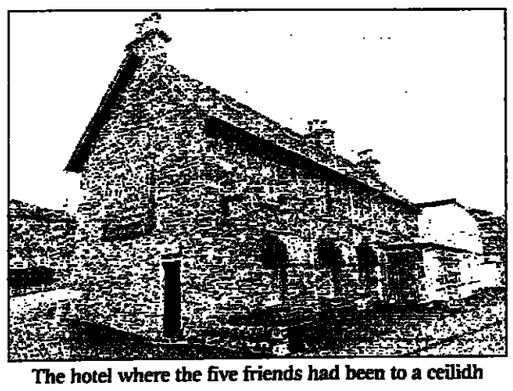
It has been suffering a decline in the numbers of young men and residents fear that it will never recover from yesterday's tragedy. Annabel MacInnes, a resident, said: " A whole generation has been wiped out."

The chairwoman of Iona Community Council, Evelyn MacPhail, 74, said: "This is by far the worst tragedy to have hit the island in the 50 years I have lived here."



MARK SWEENEY

The island of Iona is half a mile from Mull: the crossing can be treacherous even for experienced boatmen such as the victims of the accident



The hotel where the five friends had been to a ceilidh

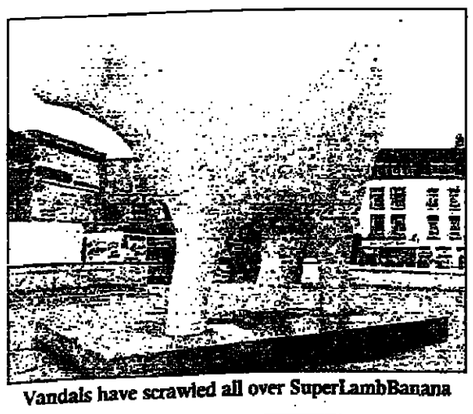
# Sculpture of hope ruined by graffiti

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

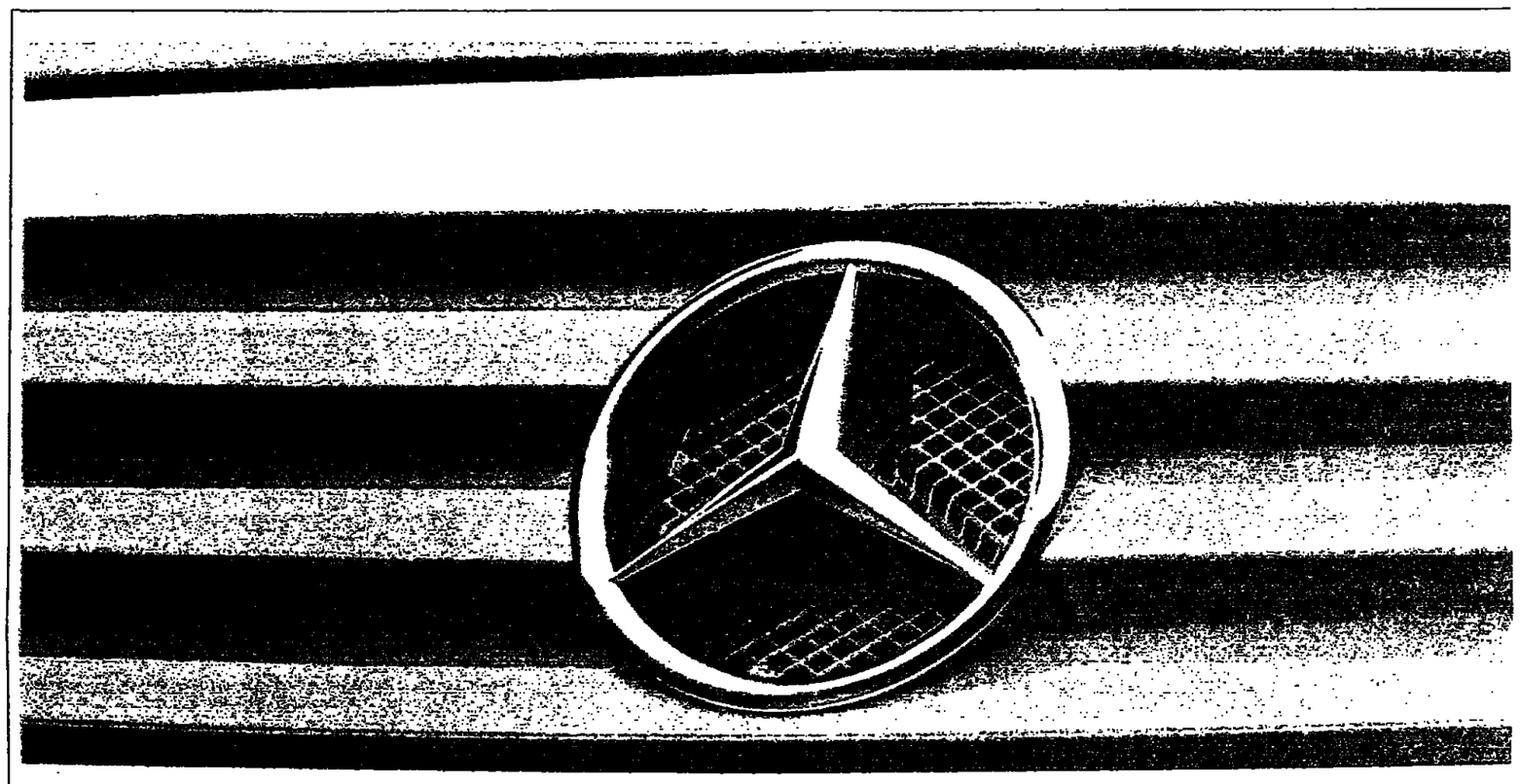
SUPERLAMBBANANA was said by its Japanese artist to embody the potential and optimism of Liverpool when it was unveiled in May. The director of the Tate Gallery called the 15-ton half lamb, half banana sculpture a prayer for the city's future. Seven months later the figure, which has been moved from near the Pier Head to Williamson Square, has become of a symbol of inner city decay.

Vandals have covered it with graffiti. Names and slogans have been scrawled across its tail and legs in black marker pen. The graffiti upset Olive Davies, 66, who lives near by: "It is an absolute disgrace and proves these people have no respect for anything."

SuperLambBanana is positioned in a Liverpool City Council Gold Zone, where cleaning up graffiti is a priority. But it is feared that high pressure water jets used by the council could damage the structure's concrete surface. Tony Siebenthaler, of the Liverpool Architecture and Design Trust, said: "They haven't got the right equipment so we are working out how to clean it before it makes its next move in the new year."

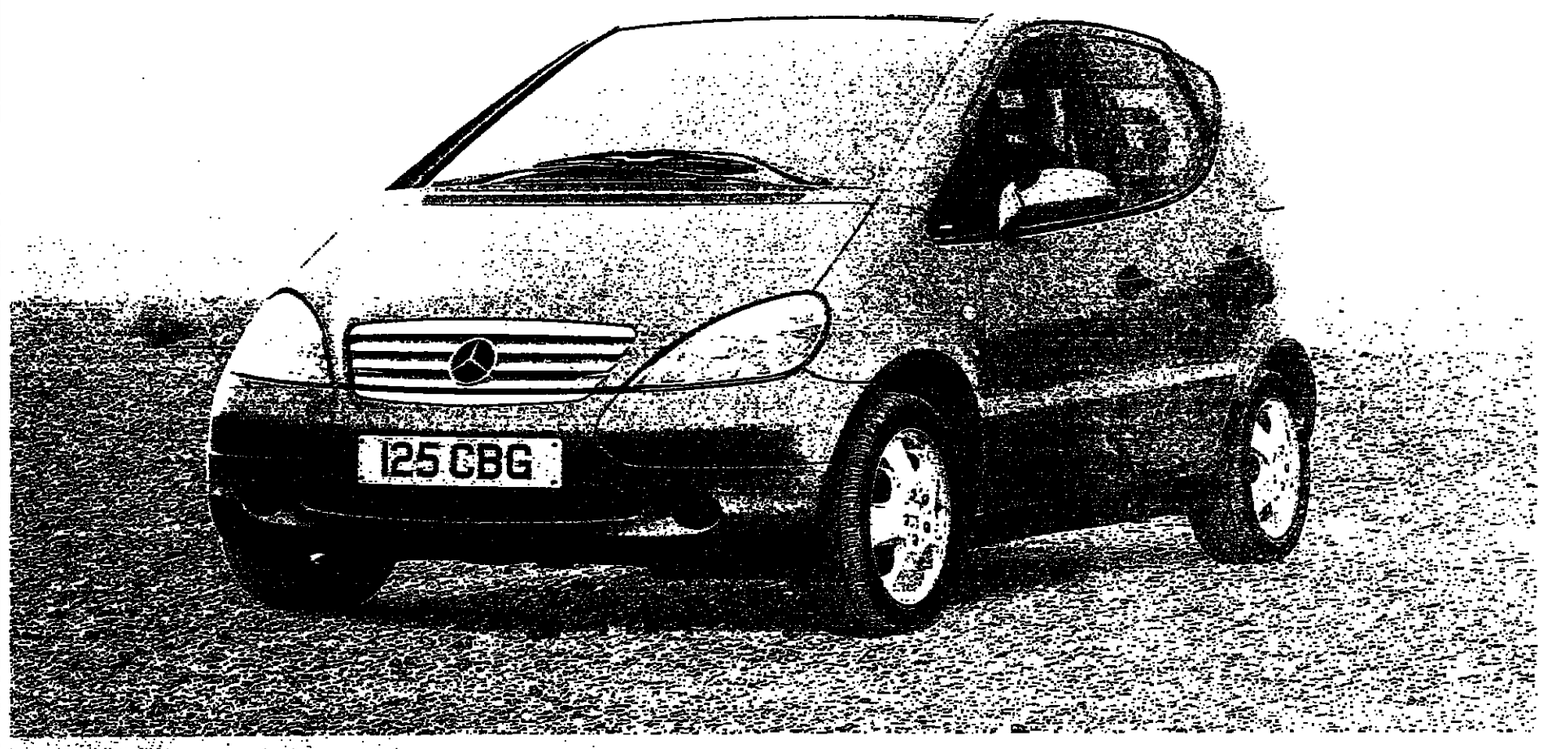


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# Ads of dead stars to have a limited run

**Carol Midgley** on a service to protect celebrity images in advertising

THE families of dead celebrities whose images are used to sell anything from cars to snacks are to have more say in the way they are used.

A new consultancy aims to control this area of advertising in which British law offers virtually no protection. If an advertiser in this country wants to use the face of a deceased British celebrity in posters or television commercials, it can do so without having to ask the permission of surviving relatives.

In theory, a meat advertiser could use the face of the late Linda McCartney, a fervent vegetarian, in one of its campaigns and not be breaking any laws.

However, Dead Famous, which has launched this week, is offering to act as an arbitration service between advertisers and the family of deceased stars to ensure that their images are used tastefully and that advertisers do not suffer a public relations backlash. They may also negotiate a goodwill fee for relatives in need of money.

Interest in using dead celebrities has soared in recent years. The Celebrity Group, the casting consultancy that has set up Dead Famous, said that the level of interest rose after footage of Steve McQueen was used in an acclaimed commercial for the Ford Puma.

This weekend a new Mercury One 2 One mobile phone advertisement was unveiled of the radio and television presenter Chris Evans with the late John Lennon. It follows similar commercials using images of Elvis Presley and Malcolm X.

Ron Mowlam, chief executive of The Celebrity Group, said: "There has been an increase in the number of agencies wanting to use deceased celebrities. The most popular seem to be Marilyn Monroe and Albert Einstein, who is regarded as a good person to promote any kind of new, hi-tech product or anything to do with space.

"But in legal terms this is a very grey area and, in PR terms, a potential minefield. Any living celebrities approached to endorse a product or service in an advertisement would have the automatic right to approve the use of their image should a deal go ahead — this is not the case with many of the high-profile and best-loved celebrities who are now deceased.

"It seems a little unfair that, if an advertising agency wants to use an image of, say, Eric Morecambe or Gracie Fields, they don't even have to ask the permission of their family, or pay a fee to them.

"But the other side of the coin is that, if a person's relatives are angry and distressed about their image being manipulated or exploited, they may well go to the tabloids to complain, which could undermine a very expensive advertising campaign.

"Dead Famous will guide agencies through the sensitive minefield of negotiation, liasing with different copyright owners to obtain the necessary footage and authority and, in some cases, the permission of the deceased's estate to feature or adapt an image."

In the United States, the law protects celebrities after their death and licences must be sought from their estates. Peter Sellers, although British, died in the United States and had his will administered there, so his name is protected.

Advertisers are increasingly using footage from old films for which they must pay only a copyright fee. Dorritos recently sponsored ITV's Saturday night film slot in a commercial that had Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall appearing as if they were endorsing the product.

A spokeswoman for Dead Famous added: "In Germany a car manufacturer used James Dean in its marketing, more or less implying that, if Dean had been driving one of their cars, he would have survived his fatal crash. Things like that can cause a lot of offence, particularly if there are any surviving relatives."

Recent research by the group has shown that 90 per cent of consumers believe that the law should be changed so that families have control over how images are used, and 76 per cent believed that families should also receive payment.

Philip Circus, chairman of the Advertising Law Group, said that there was no law protecting celebrities at the moment, but that courts were moving to a position where they might establish a right, in common law, of privacy. "Although there are rarely any purely legal constraints on using dead celebrities, there are important public relations implications. Public sensitivities are such that, in some cases, there may be resentment."



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## Woman of 81 hammers burglar

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A BURGLAR who broke into a grandmother's home ended up pleading to be let out after she hit him with a hammer.

The 81-year-old woman had been using the tool to hang pictures. Later she heard her door handles being rattled and crept downstairs. When he broke the latch on her kitchen window and crawled through, she switched on the light and hit him over the head.

The burglar fled to an adjoining room but tripped over a coffee table. Before he could scramble to his feet the unnamed pensioner, of Billingham, Stockton-on-Tees, set about him again.

She said: "He was begging to be let out because he was frightened of getting another whack around the head. I think he was surprised that I put up such a fight.

"I was a bit worried when I heard him trying my door handles. I shouted that I was going to call the police but he still broke into my garage and armed himself with a piece of piping. He asked me for my handbag but I refused.

"The last I saw of him he was running across the garden and disappearing over the fence. I hope he will think twice before he tries to break into someone's home again."

Police praised the woman's actions yesterday. Acting Inspector Dave Winn said: "We wouldn't always recommend having a go as she did but in this case it proved effective."

## Estate owner defies ramblers

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

A MILLIONAIRE property dealer, who is blocking access to a footpath on his estate, has brushed aside threats of legal action by the Ramblers' Association.

Nicholas Van Hoogstraten claimed that the path on his 100-acre High Cross Estate, near Uckfield in East Sussex, had been unused for more than a decade.

On Saturday the Ramblers' Association voted at a meeting of its national executive to prosecute him. The association said: "We have decided to take this action on behalf of the public, who expect to be able to use public rights of way without fear of being abused, threatened or hindered by a selfish and arrogant bully like Mr Van Hoogstraten."

However, Mr Van Hoogstraten said on Radio 4's *Today*: "I am not having anybody on my land."



Van Hoogstraten: says path is long disused

## Council admits it failed test of time

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

A COUNCIL is facing compensation claims after failing to stop unauthorised building work said to have cut the value of neighbouring homes.

Salisbury District Council has told residents of Nomansland, Wiltshire, that it is now powerless to act because too much time has elapsed.

The planning conflict began nearly ten years ago when Chris Monkton, a builder, replaced a small cottage with a five-bedroom house. He later added balconies to upstairs rooms. One neighbour, Alan Burroughs, said: "There are doors onto the balconies, which overlook my garden and my lounge, so we no longer have any privacy."

Mr Monkton obtained retrospective planning permission for some of the work. But Mr Burroughs, an associate partner in a firm of chartered quantity surveyors, said his neighbour had not sought authorisation for the balconies.

"My wife and I complained regularly about the breaches of planning rules," he said. "Two other neighbours also made complaints, but nothing was done. Now we have been told it is too late to get the balconies taken down, even though the council agrees that Mr Monkton would not have got permission for them had he applied."

Mr Monkton said: "I cannot see this is any loss to the value of neighbours' properties." A council spokesman said: "Profuse apologies have been offered to the complainant and other neighbours. We have admitted liability. As regards compensation, that will be considered in due course."

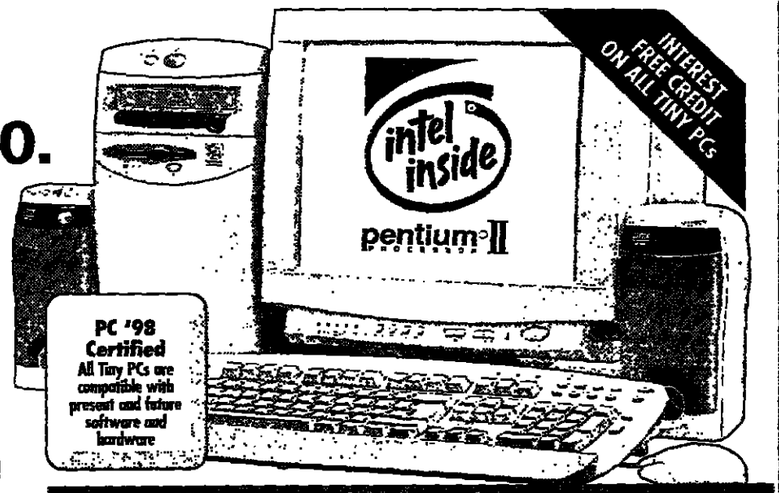

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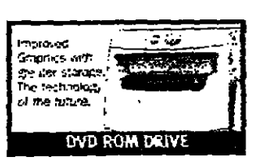

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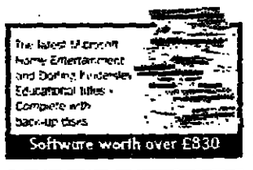
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# Detained youths cost taxpayer £75,000 a head

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE 2,500 youths aged 15 to 17 currently in custody have have cost the taxpayer almost £200 million in policing, insurance, detention and social services bills — an average of £75,000 each.

A study of the costs of offending published today found that fathers had been mostly absent from the lives of a majority of the young offenders, and those youths who had been in children's homes claimed that this had deepened and accelerated their involvement in crime.

Helen Edwards, the chief executive of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, who is a co-author of the report, said: "The message from this report is that early intervention with families means fewer crimes, fewer victims and less work for the courts and prisons.

"A great deal of youth crime has its roots in severe family and educational problems. Many opportunities to tackle the causes of crime early on are missed, leaving the criminal justice system to pick up the pieces as best it can."

The report estimates that each burglary costs an average of £919 in damage and property loss, and each car theft £500. Police incurred a further cost of £150 per crime investigated. The report found that violent crimes cost on average £6,000 for minor wounding, £20,000 for serious wounding and £75,000 for very serious woundings. The figures include medical and compensation costs.

Prosecution and other costs are estimated to be £3,700 per conviction. This includes police identification costs of £1,200 per offender and £2,500 for a successful prosecution. The cost of detaining a young offender ranges from £1,250 to £2,167 per month.

For offenders taken in to care before being convicted there is an additional £4,000 for care proceedings. Local authority residential care costs an average £600 a week, foster care between £100 and £500, and residence in a local authority secure unit at between £1,800 and £3,450 a week. The overall sum includes an estimated £7,000 a year for special education.

The report, *Wasted Lives*, is based on detailed interviews with 45 young offenders. Most had a history of involvement with social services and 28 per cent had been in children's homes. Twenty nine of the youths came from a family where another member had been active in crime.

☐ A record 74 inmates have killed themselves in jail in England and Wales this year, prison service figures show. Almost half had a history of psychiatric illness. The number of suicides as a proportion of the overall jail population of 66,000 remained stable.

# Ireland's farmers branch out into fir trees

JOHN COGILL



Robert Barrett, a Noble Fir grower in Co Wicklow, sizes up a Christmas tree for the growing export market

SHEEP and cattle are being displaced from Irish farms to make way for Christmas trees as Ireland tries to rival Scandanavia as the main supplier of bushy, non-shedding trees to Britain and continental Europe.

Thousands of acres of Irish land are now under the Noble Fir, the most expensive Christmas tree, which will sell for up to £80 in Central London. Large swaths of countryside in Wicklow, Carlow and Kilkenny are now covered in the trees, creating a rural scene more reminiscent of Scandanavia than the postcard image of Ireland.

Originally from the Pacific North West of the United States, the Noble Fir is the perfect Christmas tree shape, strongly scented and, most importantly, does not shed its needles. A 3ft tree sells in Britain for about £20, more than twice the price of a Norway Spruce. Noble Firs more than 10ft tall can sell for up to £80.

The tree is virtually impossible to grow in most parts of Britain and the Continent, where it is quickly killed off by frost. But the soil and climate in Ireland are perfectly suited to the tree, which needs good drainage, rich soil and mild weather.

John Sheridan, of the Irish Christmas Tree Growers' Association, said that more farmers were trying to cash in on the new crop as sheep and cattle prices fell. Income from trees is tax-free, to encourage farmers and investors to replenish Irish forests. Where once the country was shrouded in forest, now only 8 per cent is covered by trees.

"I see the trade growing considerably," Mr Sheridan said. "We currently have 160 members and about ten million Christmas trees, but the trade is only in its infancy. The Government is certainly helping to encourage it."

The tree growers are targeting the export market, particularly Britain and Germany, which buy about 30 million Christmas trees each year. At the moment most of the trees bought in Britain and Germany come from Denmark, but the Irish companies are muscling in to corner the upper end of the market.

At Webb's Garden Centre on the outskirts Birmingham, David Smith, the area manager, was full of praise for the Noble Fir. "Having a lot of bushy trees stops people arguing over the best tree. One year, I had to separate two blokes fighting over the same tree," he said.

David Hasslacher, a director of Emerald, which grows 2,000 acres of trees, said: "You can cut them in November, leave them in a relatively cool room and they will still have their needles in March."

# Syringes pose a growing threat to public

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

THE growing danger to public health from needles and other litter discarded by drug users is highlighted in a survey released today.

In the past three years, 226 people were reported to have been injured by discarded needles, 33 of them under the age of 16. Used needles can transmit serious conditions, including hepatitis and HIV.

The findings of the survey, conducted by the Tidy Britain Group, a charity working for a cleaner environment, are the focus of a conference in York today and tomorrow. Keith Hellawell, the Government's anti-drugs co-ordinator, will speak at the conference, as will representatives of district councils, the Health and Safety Executive and local needle exchange programmes.

Mr Hellawell, a former chief constable, said that almost all local authorities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland had reported problems with drug litter.

"As I go about, I find many parents are concerned about children being injured or infected by needles, which are largely found in parks, playing fields and other public places," he said.

Mr Hellawell said that the increasing number of discarded needles could have been caused in part by needle exchange schemes, which are designed to reduce the spread of HIV and other infections caused by needle sharing. "More people are using their own needles, and fresh needles each time, but the negative side is that there are more needles about," he said.

The survey found that parks, playing fields and beaches were the biggest danger areas, and that 132 local authority employees had been injured by discarded needles since 1995. Half of all councils now provide staff with special boxes for used needles and gloves and tongs for picking them up. Less than half, however, provide information to the public about the dangers.

# MoD to pay for work by Russian academic

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE EDITOR

THE Ministry of Defence has awarded a three-year research fellowship, worth an annual £15,000, to a Russian woman with good contacts in political circles in Moscow.

Underlining the continuing rapprochement between the former East-West Cold War enemies, George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, decided to ask Irene Isakova, who is a security consultant to the Russian Parliament's Upper House, the Federation Council, to write a thesis on defence diplomacy.

This is part of the Government's new concept for turning the military into "forces for good in the world". Dr Isakova, who is in her mid-thirties, is currently studying at King's College Centre for Defence Studies, in London.

Dr Isakova, who has also studied in the United States, was selected as the outstanding candidate for taking the new policy forward in a research project that will focus on ways of improving relations between Britain and Russia and also with the former Russian republics.

Two other post-doctoral research fellowships awarded by the MoD under the same scheme have also gone to women: Asifa Hussain, from Glasgow University, and Tanya O'Gilvey-White, from the Mountbatten Centre at Southampton University.



Irene Isakova: doing research for the MoD

# Rottweiler nips in to disarm girl

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A TEENAGE girl who held up the centre of a Sussex town with a gun late at night was finally disarmed by a dog.

Up to 50 police officers, some armed, tried to calm the 18-year-old girl, who was threatening to kill herself and anyone who came into her path in Peacehaven town centre. After 90 minutes a police rottweiler named Ben went into action and disarmed her with a small nip.

Inspector Mark Powles, of Sussex Police, said: "I think the girl received a very minor bite." He added that it was lucky she was not shot.

"It had the potential, ultimately, of her being shot by the police. She was armed and pointing the gun at officers.

"It is a very difficult decision for armed officers to make. There was a lot of restraint shown in this incident."

Armed police formed a cordon around the teenager, who has not been named, as she swung the handgun around, pointing it at her head and at members of the public. After being disarmed by the dog, she taken to Eastbourne police station.

A spokesman for Sussex Police said that the girl herself had telephoned them, threatening to harm herself and saying that she had a gun.




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# Bee's demise could sting Prescott to act

## Nature group urges new laws to protect wildlife, reports Nick Nuttall

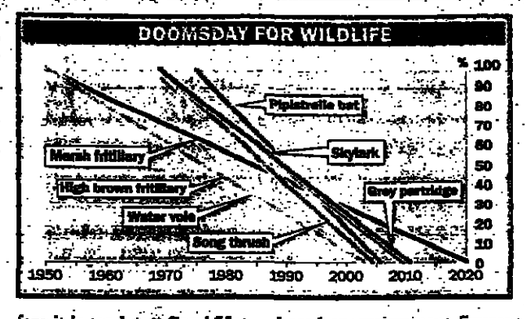
A BRITISH bumble bee has been declared extinct, bringing to 154 the number of animal and plant species that the country has lost during the 20th century.

Wildlife experts say that the short-haired bumble bee, last seen near Dungeness, Kent, has joined the mouse-eared bat, peach-leaved bellflower, Essex emerald moth and other species that have died out in the British Isles.

The World Wide Fund for Nature has calculated that the current rate of extinction in Britain is three species every two years. In a report today the fund says that the rate of extinction could accelerate over the next 20 years because of global warming, increased development and intensive agriculture. It says that well-known species such as the skylark and water vole could share the fate of the short-haired bumble bee.

The fund is urging the public to write to MPs and to John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister and Environment Secretary, demanding tough new laws to protect wildlife. It says that the laws are needed to halt the loss of meadows, woodland, hedges and other habitats which has largely caused the extinctions.

"The dramatic decline and extinction of our native species is a sad reflection of the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act and its inability to protect our natural heritage. We must have stronger protection before it is too late," Carol Hatton, of the fund, said.




The short-haired bumble bee, *Bombus subterraneus*, was last sighted in the early 1980s near the coastal town of Dungeness. It has not been seen since, despite two years of intensive studies, and is believed to have died out.

Modern agriculture has been blamed. The bee lives in small colonies and builds nests that stick up from the ground. The tops of the nests are cut off when the meadows are harvested for silage.

The report highlights other species at risk of extinction. It says the water vole, which has had a near 94 per cent decline since 1900, could be extinct by 2003. The same year could see the high brown fritillary become extinct. The butterfly, found on limestone outcrops of Morecambe Bay and bracken slopes in Hertfordshire, Exmoor and Dartmoor, has also suffered a 94 per cent decline.

The fund forecast that, based on government figures for rates of decline, the skylark will be extinct in Britain in 2009. Its breeding population has fallen 54 per cent in the past 25 years. The song thrush, whose population has fallen 73 per cent in many areas, will die out in 2004 and the grey partridge, whose numbers have halved in the past 25 years, will be gone in 2011 according to the fund. The marsh fritillary could die out in 2020. It has suffered a steep decline over the past 150 years and has recently disappeared from most of eastern England and Scotland.

Apart from tougher laws and the reform of the common agricultural policy, the fund is pressing for greater restoration of habitats. Britain has only 5 per cent of its original grazing marshland and since the last century 95 per cent of its peatlands has been lost or degraded.

In the past 50 years half of the ancient semi-natural woodland has gone. Between 1947 and 1985, 175,000 kilometres of hedges in England and Wales have been lost. Ancient meadows have suffered a 97 per cent decline since the last war and there has been a similar loss of lowland hay meadows. Fifty per cent of farm ponds have disappeared and there has been a 94 per cent decline of active raised bogs since the start of the 19th century.

*Nature Notes, page 20*



*The short-haired bumble bee was last seen on the Kent coast in the 1980s*

### NET LINKS

The official website for the World Wide Fund For Nature, which carried full details of the organisation's work and information on how the public can become involved, is http://www.wwf-uk.org

The latest information about the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds can be found at http://www.rspb.org.uk

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# Lottery holds back pier repair cash

By Helen Johnstone

THE National Lottery has been accused of withholding part of a grant promised to help to rescue Britain's only Grade I listed pier, chunks of which are now falling into the sea.

The West Pier at Brighton, left derelict by years of neglect and battering from the sea, was to enter the millennium returned to its former glory, with restaurants, an art gallery, a theatre, mooring for 60 boats and an outdoor auditorium. But in recent days surfers have been warned to avoid the area after large chunks of the pier's decking dropped off.

The West Pier Trust, which fears that it is running out of time to make repairs before the pier collapses, has attacked the National Lottery Heritage Fund for not releasing funds promised to them in March.

Built in 1866 by Eugenius Birch, one of the Victorian era's foremost pier designers, it was the first pier in Britain to be built purely for pleasure. It reached the peak of its popularity in Edwardian times, when two million people flocked to Brighton each year.

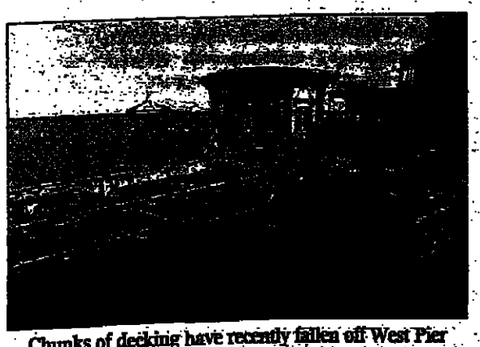
In 1968 some restoration work was carried out, but in 1972 the sea end was closed to the public because it was dangerous. Five years later the entire pier was shut. It became detached from the shore several years later and the middle section was demolished by the great storm of 1987.

The trust has been promised £10 million to help to fund the estimated £34 million cost of restoration, along with additional money from private businesses. It claims that the lottery, which has so far paid only £950,000 towards emergency repairs and £75,000 for development costs, is dragging its heels in paying out more money.

Rachel Clark, a trust spokeswoman, said: "We were warned the particular piece of the pier which has just collapsed was dangerous back in November. But what was more frightening was that it happened in pretty normal weather conditions. We are not talking about storms, high winds or seas here."

She said that the trust was organising an emergency meeting with the lottery fund before Christmas in the hope that some money would be secured for immediate repairs. "We have been asking for the release of funds for emergency repairs for months and months. There have been a lot of letters exchanged and negotiations, but although the fund has not actually refused us the money, it has for one reason or another not yet forwarded anything to us," she said.

Lottery officials have indicated that they need more information about the restoration scheme before releasing any funds. A lottery spokesman said: "It is too early to say what will happen because we do not know what they are asking for yet."



Chunks of decking have recently fallen off West Pier

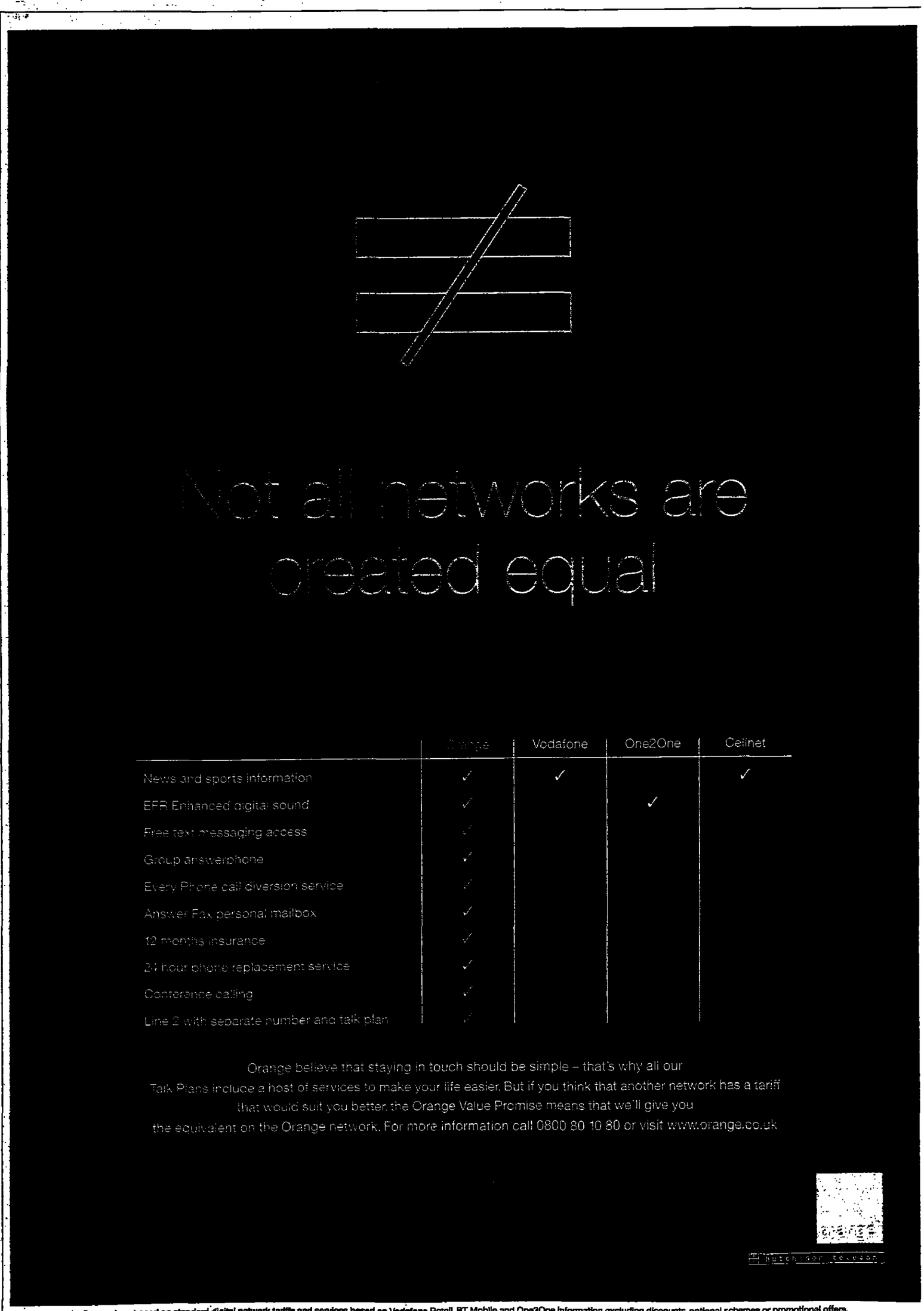
# Burglars made off with a royal haul

By Richard Ford
*Home Correspondent*

BURGLARS stole antique clocks, furniture and silver, worth more than £10,000, after breaking into the country home of Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

At the time, the countess, 74, who is the daughter of Earl Mountbatten of Burma, and her husband, Lord Brabourne, were away from their home at Mersham, Kent. The burglars smashed through the front door of the Queen Anne mansion in the early evening and stole items of sentimental value to the couple. Two mahogany side-tables, two clocks, and various items of silver were taken. At least one had belonged to the earl, and the haul included gifts from members of the Royal Family.

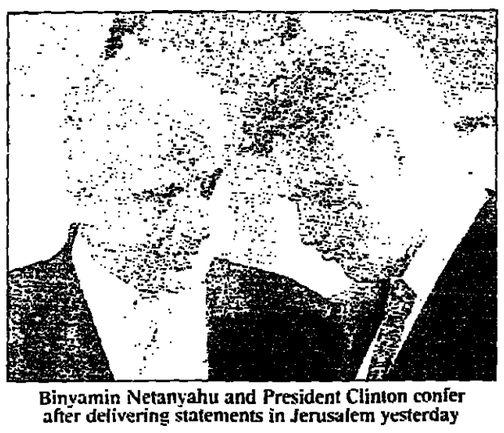
The countess said that the burglary, last month, was "very annoying but the sort of thing which seems to happen to everyone these days". She added: "The burglars seem to have been disturbed by one of our staff, and the police arrived very quickly."




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Binyamin Netanyahu and President Clinton confer after delivering statements in Jerusalem yesterday

# Clinton's mission to Israel begins with row

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

PRESIDENT Clinton's testing diplomatic mission to revive the Wye peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians got off to a bleak start yesterday as Israel gave a warning that a further West Bank land transfer was unlikely.

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, said the transfer would not proceed until the Palestinians renounced plans unilaterally to declare an independent state. Speaking at a brief press conference, Mr Netanyahu said: "No one can seriously expect Israel to hand over another inch of territory unless and until such an unambiguous correction is made."

Mr Netanyahu, who is facing a parliamentary revolt from backbench supporters anxious to scrap the whole Wye deal, went on to attack Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, for saying that he planned to declare a state with Jerusalem as its capital on May 4, 1999. "This is a gross violation of the Oslo and Wye accords," he said.

Mr Clinton later told a meeting of Israeli high-school students that Palestinian leaders must work harder to comply with their land-for-peace deal with Israel.

JAMAL ARURI / AFP



Israeli special forces go into action with teargas and rubber bullets in the West Bank town of Ramallah yesterday as confrontations with stone-throwing Palestinians continued during President Clinton's Middle East visit

The draconian security precautions surrounding Mr Clinton are to be intensified today during his first visit to the Palestinian-controlled Gaza Strip after a new call for his assassination by a militant Islamic leader there.

Sweeping door-to-door arrests have taken place in Gaza's impoverished Shati and Jabaliya refugee camps, both hotbeds of Islamic extremism.

Abdullah Shami, the leader of Islamic Jihad, was quoted as saying: "Clinton is coming here to concoct conspiracies against the opposition movement: his mission is therefore Satanic. Someone is liable to kill him here, and if that should happen, I would be very happy."

The threat followed criticism by the regime in Iran of the renewed move to renounce the original PLO Covenant calling for the destruction of the Jewish State.

Speaking at his home, Mr Shami said: "I would be very happy were my 15-year-old son, Housam, to become a *shahid* (martyr). *Shahids* do not die, but rather they live beside Allah in heaven, receive recompense for their actions and marry 70 virgins."

Publication of the new call for Mr Clinton's assassination coincided with a mass demonstration against his three-day visit by Palestinian security prisoners at Israel's Megiddo Jail. The prisoners are among 2,000 on hunger strike in demand for their release.

Inmates raised a black flag of protest against Mr Clinton, especially his scheduled trip to Gaza, which Arafat loyalists plan to give all the trappings of a state visit.

"Clinton's visit will not do any good. He is known for being pro-Israel and known for his double standards," one prisoner said. There were also protests in many parts of the occupied West Bank.

## Memories of Nixon overshadow visit

"FROM the quagmire at home to the Middle East quagmire," was how the biggest-selling Israeli paper, *Yediot Aharonot*, yesterday summed up President Clinton's visit (Christopher Walker writes). Few commentators failed to notice the irony that the political careers of Mr Clinton and Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, are under threat while Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, is relatively secure.

While Mr Clinton faces possible impeachment on his return to Washington, Mr Netanyahu has just over a week until his 61-59 seat Knesset majority will be tested in a confidence vote over the Wye accord. The difficulties facing Mr Clinton and Mr Netanyahu were threatening to have a significant effect on the visit which, when first mooted, was seen as a means of cementing the Wye accord but has become a desperate bid to rescue it.

Just as during President Nixon's visit 24 years ago, a month before the House Judiciary Committee decided to act for his impeachment, Mr Clinton is in a weak position. As Golda Meir, then Israeli Prime Minister, observed of Mr Nixon: "The President was here, but his thoughts were very far away."

The turnround in US-Palestinian relations since the Gulf War has been shown in Gaza, where thousands of US flags are proudly on display. Today's visit by Mr Clinton is seen — despite US denials — as tacit support for Palestinian statehood.

# Japanese aid urged for Asia's troubled economies

FROM DAVID WATTS IN HANOI

JAPAN was last night under pressure to help in financing a new "self-help" rescue fund to bail out the economies of South-East Asia that will draw cash from the region and from other partners such as the European Union.

On the table will be Japan's $30 billion (£18.4 billion) Miyazawa Plan, named after the country's Finance Minister. But Tokyo is under pressure to give more bilateral assistance to help countries with balance of payments problems. An investigation will be launched early in the new year to see which countries need help.

The Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) is also considering a series of "bold measures" that will show that the region's countries can pull themselves out of their economic tailspin in an attempt to restore confidence and bring foreign investment. Under the measures, there would be inducements to foreign investors, including a three-year tax holiday for companies, 100 per cent foreign ownership of firms, greater freedom for foreigners to buy land, duty-free imports of capital goods and greater market access.

If the measures are agreed, they could be announced later this week when Asean heads of state gather for their first summit in communist Vietnam. Most of the planned measures call for radical change in the recipient countries before they can be implemented, not least in the host country, Vietnam.

The gathering is replete with ironies: not only was Asean created as a bulwark against communist encroachment on South-East Asia, but the Vietnamese hosts find themselves dealing with the problems of capitalism. It is hard to know whether Ho Chi Minh is turning in his grave or rejoicing.

Whichever it is, his country finds itself chairing an organisation in search of a new *raison d'être* and new leadership, after the removal of President Suharto of Indonesia and the collapse of the country's economy. Largely because of its size and influence, the organisation has always needed Indonesian approval of anything it did. Its secretariat is based in Jakarta. The other Asean members are Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, Brunei, Burma and Laos.

The meeting is also likely to turn into a competition for greater regional influence between China and Japan, particularly at the dialogue sessions after the summit.



Khatami: told police to step up inquiries

# Fifth Iran dissident is found murdered

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

**PRESIDENT Khatami of Iran has ordered the police and intelligence services to step up investigations into a spate of killings and disappearances after the body of a fifth dissident was found at the weekend.**

**The deaths have terrorised Iran's intellectuals and academics, who suspect their enemies may have drawn up a hitlist.**

**They have also inflamed the power struggle between Mr Khatami, a moderate cleric and champion of free speech, and his hardline opponents.**

**The body of Mohammed Jafar Pouyandeh, a writer, was found in a Tehran mortuary on Saturday. His daughter said he had been strangled.**

**"The question is, will those behind this feel they have sent enough of a warning signal, or will they continue, to prove the President is incapable of stopping them?" said an Asian diplomat in Tehran. Nobody has been charged, increasing suspicions that the killers enjoy top-level protection.**

**Mr Pouyandeh and Mohammed Mokhtari, a poet whose body was found last week, were among six writers and intellectuals questioned in October by an Islamic revolutionary court. Both were outspoken critics of censorship.**

**Dissidents said that another writer, Majid Sharif, had died in suspicious circumstances last month. A fourth writer, Piruz Davani, disappeared in August and is presumed dead. A veteran opposition leader, Dariush Forouhar, and his wife, Parvaneh, were stabbed to death last month.**

WORLD IN BRIEF

## Bob Dole to star in Viagra campaign

**New York:** Bob Dole, defeated as a politician but clearly reinvigorated as a man, has agreed to star in an advertising campaign for the anti-impotence drug Viagra (*James Bone writes*). The former Republican presidential candidate and prostate-cancer survivor, who participated in clinical trials of the drug, has signed up as a spokesman on men's health issues for the pharmaceutical company Pfizer.

"I am convinced this campaign can help men pay attention to health problems they might otherwise be afraid to discuss," he said. Mr Dole's commercials, which will not actually name the drug, are Pfizer's first television advertising to promote Viagra in the face of falling sales.

## Chechen war on crime

**Grozny:** Chechnya began recruiting veterans of its independence war with Russia for a crackdown on hostage-taking and organised crime. President Maskhadov signed a decree mobilising a force of 1,500 army militia and veterans. The move came days after three British and one New Zealand hostage were found beheaded. Another Western hostage, Vincent Cochetel, a French worker with the UN refugee agency, was freed by Russian commandos in neighbouring Ingushetia on Saturday. *(AFP)*

## Rockets kill nine in Kabul

**Islamabad:** At least nine civilians were killed and ten wounded when rockets hit a residential area of the battered Afghan capital, Kabul, aid sources said. They assumed that three short-range missiles which hit the area of Qalay-i-Fathullah were fired by the anti-Taleban forces of Ahmed Shah Masood, the military chief of the ousted government, whose fighters are dug in 15 miles north of Kabul. Three more people were wounded by another rocket attack close to the city's airport. *(Reuters)*

## Somalis fight for port

**Port Mogadishu, Somalia:** Rival armed factions were locked in a fierce battle for control of the southern Somali port of Kismayu at the weekend, local radio reported. At least 22 people were killed and 35 wounded as forces of warlord Muhammad Saeed Morgan, from the Majertein clan which controls the city, clashed with the Marehan clan, led by General Ahmed Warsameh. Residents said 2,000 fighters were involved. *(Reuters)*

## Shots at Cyprus green line

**Ankara:** Greek Cypriot civilians opened fire across the buffer zone dividing Cyprus on Turkish Cypriot territory in two separate incidents yesterday. Turkey's Anatolia news agency reported. In the most serious incident, four men jumped from a car near a British military base on the UN-patrolled "green line", yelled provocations at the Turkish guards and then fired at them with pistols. No one was injured. *(AFP)*

## Monk 'raped 38 women'

**Varanasi:** A Hindu monk was arrested in this northern town for allegedly raping 38 women over six years after drugging them at his home. Swami Yogeshwaranand Maharaj, 36, claimed that he had "spiritual powers" to cure barren women. Dinanath Pandey, the town's police chief, said. His luck ran out when a policeman's relative woke up while he was having intercourse. *(AFP)*

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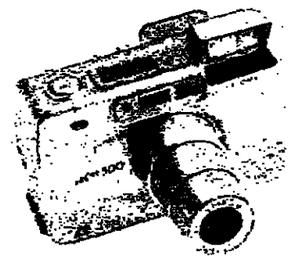
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# Clinton faces close vote on impeachment

PRESIDENT CLINTON denied vigorously yesterday that he was about to resign after the House Judiciary Committee's vote to impeach him.

"I have no intention of resigning", said a grim and tense Mr Clinton, in Jerusalem at the start of a whistle-stop Middle East tour to try to salvage the peace process. "It's never crossed my mind," he insisted, in his first comments since the committee approved four articles of impeachment against him.

But Mr Clinton said he was unwilling to oblige Republican calls to admit that he committed perjury in sworn statements about his affair with Monica Lewinsky, saying: "I could not admit to doing something that I am quite sure I did not do."

The next five days, dubbed "Bill's Hell Week" in the American press, will determine whether Mr Clinton becomes the first President in the nation's history to be impeached by a vote of the full House of Representatives since Andrew Johnson's impeachment in 1868. Mr Clinton, who called Saturday's vote by the Republican-dominated committee "foreordained", called on each member of the House to follow conscience, not party line, in voting on his fate. The debate, which starts on Thursday and could be rushed through to a vote as early as that evening, could leave Mr Clinton facing the prospect of a full trial in the Senate in the new year.

**A small band of Republicans will decide fate, says Bronwen Maddox**

Senators yesterday privately dismissed the remarks of Republican Trent Lott, Senate majority leader, who wants any trial to last no more than a few weeks. The Senate would have the power to cut short the debate, perhaps with a vote of censure, but in almost uncharted waters could find itself embroiled in a full-scale trial until late summer, they said.

In a sign of Republican leaders' rising excitement at having revived the threat to the President which seemed buried by the November 3 elections, the House Speaker-elect, Bob Livingston, vowed to block any move by Democrats to censure the President rather than to impeach him.

But Richard Gephardt, leader of the Democratic minority, who said yesterday "I believe censure is what we ought to do", insisted: "All the members are going to face a procedural vote on censure, whether or not the Republican leadership likes it."

Mr Clinton has come under attack for being out of the country in the critical days ahead of the vote. In his absence, the White House is hoping "to take the fight to the American people", and that public opinion will pull the House back from impeachment.

A poll by *Newsweek* magazine yesterday showed that 61 per cent thought the Committee did not pay enough attention to what ordinary Americans thought, 53 per cent thought the Republicans were too partisan and 60 per cent opposed impeachment and trial in the Senate.

For the next 72 hours, the nation's focus will turn to the likely votes of two dozen moderate Republicans, whose actions will determine Mr Clinton's fate. The Republican Whip, Tom DeLay, yesterday called the outcome "too close to call", believing there was a "50-50 chance for impeachment". The Judiciary Committee chairman, Henry Hyde, yesterday urged Mr Clinton to be heroic and resign.

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Republicans Tom DeLay, left, and Bob Livingston, say that impeachment, rather than censure, is on the cards

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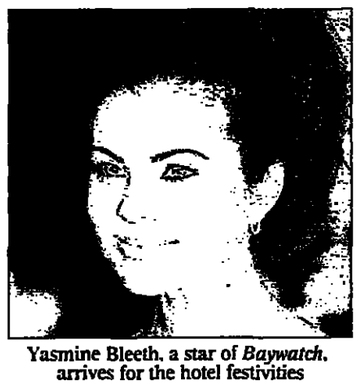
Fireworks light up the night sky over Paradise Island in the Bahamas at the end of opening festivities for the Royal Towers of Atlantis hotel



Michael Jackson sings for celebrities gathered for the grand opening

## Paradise serves up star treatment

**Paradise Island: The grand opening of a new hotel in the Bahamas brought the rich and famous to its doors (Adam Fresco writes). A glittering firework display lit up the night sky above the £300 million Royal Towers of Atlantis hotel on Paradise Island. Although the full cost of the party was a closely guarded secret, it is thought to be in the region of £5 million. The cost for the lighting alone was £2 million. The celebrities at the opening, including Quincy Jones and Michael Jackson, performed free as guests of the owner, Sol Kerzner. Celebrities included Leonardo DiCaprio and Julia Roberts. They usually charge up to £500,000 to turn up to an event like this. Among other guests was *Baywatch* starYasmine Bleeth.**



Yasmine Bleeth, a star of *Baywatch*, arrives for the hotel festivities

# Life at the top casts shadow over UN

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations Secretary-General and New York's most powerful property tycoon have locked horns in a most undiplomatic tussle over who is allowed to have the biggest building.

Kofi Annan, the UN chief, has spoken out publicly against a plan by Donald Trump to build the world's tallest residential building overlooking the UN's landmark headquarters on the East Side of Manhattan.

In an apt symbol of the changing world, Mr Trump's 72-storey skyscraper — standing as high as the observation deck of the Empire State Building — would dwarf the UN's 39-storeys. Fresh from negotiating with such strongmen as President Saddam Hussein of Iraq and the Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, Mr Annan has now trained his sights on the macho mogul, Mr Trump.

"I don't know how he ever got permisson for it," the diplomat told a conference at New York University. "I think it's going to throw a colossal number of people into the deep shadows."

Standing squarely behind Mr Annan are the celebrity residents of two exclusive apartment complexes next to the UN grounds. Such famous names as Walter Cronkite, the revered American newscaster, and William Donaldson, co-founder of Wall Street's Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, are said to be ready to fund a lawsuit against Mr Trump, who insists that the proposed *Trump World Tower is in fact* a compliment to the popularity of the UN.

# Hillary banishes Christmas party for press to tent on White House lawn

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

*BILL and Hillary Clinton will not be shaking* hands and having their photographs taken with the White House press corps this Christmas. Nor will they be playing host to them in the state rooms that Mrs Clinton has richly festooned with Christmas decorations.

Instead, members of the Fourth Estate have been banished to a tent in the garden. At least it will be heated.

In what many reporters see as revenge for their relentless reporting of the Monica Lewinsky affair and other alleged presidential peccadilloes, the Clintons have cut back on their annual Christmas parties for the press.

There will now be one gathering next Monday called a "Winter Holiday Festival". Guests are no longer required to dress up and the invitations say "Casual attire". This has resulted in worried calls to the White House social secretary for guidance. Acceptable dress for men will be open-neck shirts, blazers or sports jackets and khaki trousers but, please, no jeans. "Women will know what to wear," a spokeswoman said.

**'Clintons spent their time rooted to the spot'**

White House press parties began in the Kennedy era as small, elegant gatherings where reporters and spouses hobnobbed with Jack and Jackie. They grew into gargantuan affairs, thronged by hangers-on seldom if ever seen in the White House press room. The Reagans introduced the idea of guests being photographed with the First Couple, creating mementoes that now adorn prominent positions in many Washington homes. By last Christmas this ritual had become an onerous chore for the Clintons, who spent most of their own party rooted to the spot.

Aides confided that Mrs Clinton was indignant about the hospitality extended to those she considers her husband's foes. So this year sees a break with tradition. The one party will run for four hours. Children will be welcome and games laid on for them. The Clintons are expected to drop by.


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# European vision shrinks as Schröder turns his back on East

INSIDE GERMANY



BY ROGER BOYES

The Hofburg Palace, pinnacle of Vienna's architectural grandeur, is designed for the running of a Central European empire which no longer exists. It is difficult not to feel sadness in the city of the Habsburgs, for it is the symbol of a multinational, multicultural idea that failed long before Archduke Franz Ferdinand was shot at Sarajevo.

The questions prompted by the break-up of the Austro-Hungarian empire could be applied to the European Union as it enters one of its most nervous phases. How safe, how involved can the peripheral countries feel if the hub of the Union is so brittle, so unsure of itself? What happens to the legitimacy of the centre if cash ceases to flow to the outer frontiers of the empire/Union? When does it all begin to crack up?

The Eastern candidates for the European Union are right to worry about such things. They seem to be losing their main champion within the European Union, Germany. The Polish and Czech papers tell the story: Gerhard Schröder, the Chancellor, presenting his plan for Europe to parliament, made enlargement of the Union a mere footnote to a lengthy passage about how Germany was going to fight to cut its European Union budget contribution.

Helmut Kohl, for all his bluster and broken promises, saw himself as the advocate of Central Europe. But Herr Schröder has made plain that he does not, nor does he recognise any moral responsibility towards the East. Everybody east of the Oder and Neisse rivers senses it: the tone has changed, grown colder.

Target dates for Central European entry have been dropped from political discourse. Joschka Fischer, the German Foreign Minister — whose parents were born in Hungary — said it would be "unserious" to set a date. Some German politicians say not before the year 2005.

It is easy to understand Herr Schröder. Herr Kohl had cooked a vast broth of contradictory pledges: to extend eastwards by the year 2000, to cut Germany's budget contribution, to keep to the Maastricht criteria for European monetary union, to spend more money on the East and to create two million new jobs. By the end of the century he wanted a bigger, happier Europe for less money.

It was never feasible but neither the Social Democratic Opposition, nor Herr Kohl's European partners could summon the strength to tell the Chancellor that he was living in never-never land. Now it falls to the new Chancellor to set priorities. The Vienna summit showed that he has still not managed to achieve this: the only clear signal is that eastward enlargement has fallen to the bottom of the list.

Herr Kohl was willing to live with contradictory European policies in the knowledge that Europe often only moved forward as a reaction to multiple crises. He was the master of late-night summit catharsis.

Herr Schröder, who has a gambling streak, reckons that he will be able to carry off something similar at the March summit in Brussels. But, unlike Herr Kohl, the new Chancellor has no deep sensitivity about the future shape of Europe, its obligations and its necessary balances. He lacks his predecessor's historical awareness.

And that is the point about enlargement. The central question is whether the European Union can really call itself European as long as it does not include the Poles, the Czechs and the Hungarians.

A Russian succession crisis and a big Serbian offensive in Kosovo are the two predictable European dramas of 1999. Both demand stability in Central and Eastern Europe if the West is to be spared the worst.

So, give the entry candidates a perspective. Make clear to first-rounders that entry conditions are not going to become ever more stringent. Reassure second-rounders that enlargement will not stumble to a close as soon as the privileged six are inside the EU.

A German Chancellor who plans to rule from Berlin must know that his country is not only on the eastern fringe of the European Union, but also in the centre of the cultural continent — and he should act accordingly.

# Germany to turn up heat on funding

Bonn adopts Thatcher role, writes **Charles Bremner** in Vienna

GERMANY will throw down a fresh challenge over European funding and taxes today when it announces plans for its turn in the EU presidency, only two days after Tony Blair and the other leaders shoved their problems aside at a summit in Vienna.

In no mood to yield in its demands for billions of pounds back from the EU budget, Gerhard Schröder's Government, which takes the EU reins next month, is determined to complete a mammoth finance package, including action on the British rebate, by April.

The leaders, who enacted a phoney budget war in Vienna, will face German heat to achieve more towards "co-ordinating" taxes and economic policies by the end of the six-month presidency in June.

Setting employment as his top priority, Herr Schröder is also determined to hammer out a jobs pact that was only sketched by the leaders at their lacklustre summit.

Leaving Vienna, Jacques Poos, Luxembourg's Foreign Minister, forecast "a night of the long knives" when Germany tries to broker a finance deal that will require sacrifices all round at a special Brussels summit in March.

Herr Schröder struck a nationalist pose in Vienna, making clear he was set for a Thatcher-style battle to stop German money being "squandered" by Brussels. He said Germany was "tired of being ripped off" in the arrangement in which it pays £8 billion a year into EU coffers.

"Everyone must be ready to give something to arrive at an overall compromise," he said, with an eye to Britain's rebate, among other sore points.

Despite his firm language, Herr Schröder was deemed to have made only a modest impact at his first EU summit. His was a hard act, given the towering presence in EU affairs of Herr Kohl, his predecessor, who turned up to receive honorary EU citizenship.

The EU's leaders, from Tony Blair to José-Maria Aznar of Spain and Jacques Chirac of France, all claimed advances for their demands at Vienna. Mr Blair won a communiqué statement that "co-operation in tax policy is not aimed at uniform tax rates". He was also relieved that there was no real discussion of Britain's £2.1 billion rebate.

Señor Aznar declared "mission accomplished" after persuading the others to drop a communiqué reference to freezing the EU budget — a move, backed by Britain, Germany and France that would cut the EU cash flow to Madrid and the other Southern states.

The French claimed they had set the EU on the path to "social harmonisation" while resisting attempts to rob them of their hefty take from the common agricultural policy. Lionel Jospin, the Prime Minister, said he had won backing for a scheme to set a minimum wage throughout the EU.

For many EU officials, the pre-Christmas gathering was a "virtual summit", a which the tough issues were evaded in favour of an excursion into the vote-catching field of "saving" the duty-free trade.

"It was an issue-free summit," said one continental ambassador, who mused over the gulf between the national demands and the rhetoric of socialist solidarity from the left-wing leaders who now dominate EU governments.

Striking a British note, Mr Blair said the trick was to combine British needs with those of Europe. "In my view the lesson from this summit ... is that we safeguard our own national interest, but part of that national interest is being positive and constructive in Europe," he said.

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Gerhard Schröder in Vienna on Saturday. He said Germany was "tired of being ripped off" by the EU

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Mareva Galantier from Tahiti is crowned Miss France by her predecessor, Sophie Thalmann, in Nancy over the weekend. Eric Morley, the organiser of the Miss World contest, does not regard Tahiti as part of France

# Miss World contest turns ugly as France picks Tahitian belle

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRANCE has provoked a row in the hideously volatile and complex diplomacy of the Miss World competition by electing a Tahitian beauty as Miss France, even though the British organiser does not regard Tahiti as part of France.

The organiser of the Miss France competition has said that, unless Mareva Galantier is accepted as the French national candidate and allowed to wear the tricolour sash, France will boycott the Miss World competition next November.

Eric Morley, the organiser of Miss World, maintains that the Pacific island of Tahiti and other overseas French territories are independent entities for the purposes of beauty competitions.

"We're going to see what happens with old man Morley," said Geneviève de Fontenay, president of the French Miss World Committee, after Mlle Galantier was elected in the eastern city of Nancy. "We have our policy ... Morley must accept the girl who wears the French sash. If he refuses, there will be a row and we will boycott the contest."

'If Morley refuses, we will boycott the event'

The dispute between the Miss World organisers and the Miss France officials occurs every time France elects a candidate from its overseas regions, which it does with some regularity: Miss Tahiti in 1991, Miss Guadeloupe in 1993, and Miss Tahiti again earlier this year.

In July, Mr Morley declined to accept the Tahitian candidate, Hinano Teanotonga, to the fury of Mme Fontenay and the confusion of Mlle Teanotonga: "If I am not French, what am I?" she asked.

France has always maintained that its overseas territories are indissolubly part of the nation whose inhabitants may hold French passports and enter beauty pageants for the greater glory of *la Patrie*.

# Serbs block Kosovo inquiry into massacres

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADE

POLICE in Kosovo have obstructed the work of Finnish forensic experts attempting to investigate an Albanian mass grave, as diplomats point to a "Pinochet syndrome" among a Yugoslav regime that is uncomfortable with war crimes inquiries too close to home.

President Milosevic keeps his distance from the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague, and last month his Government denied a visa to the tribunal's chief prosecutor, Louise Arbour, who wished to visit Kosovo.

The independent Finnish team, however, had already been granted permission to work in the province, as long as it looked at both Serb and Albanian mass graves.

Now the Finns have complained that the Yugoslavs are reneging on their promises of allowing unrestricted access to the sites, after an incident last week in which the Serb police insisted on surrounding a convoy of Jeeps carrying, among others, the Finnish ambassador for human rights, Timo Lahelma, with armoured personnel carriers.

The door of Mr Lahelma's Jeep was later wrenched open by a Serb policeman in civilian clothes, who snatched the ambassador's camera. The Finns were trying to reach the village of Gornje Obrinje, where the massacre of at least 16 Albanians sparked the international outcry that nearly produced Nato airstrikes on Serbia in October.

The Yugoslav state news agency, Tanjug, has claimed that the police feared for the safety of Serbian pathologists accompanying the Finns in territory controlled by the Kosovo Liberation Army.

☐ *Pristina:* Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, met the head of Kosovo's ethnic Albanian negotiating team yesterday to discuss prospects for solving the province's conflict through negotiations. After meeting Fehmi Agani, Mr Ashdown, who first visited the province in September, said it was now "in slightly better circumstances than before". *(AP)*


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BY RICHARD BEESTON

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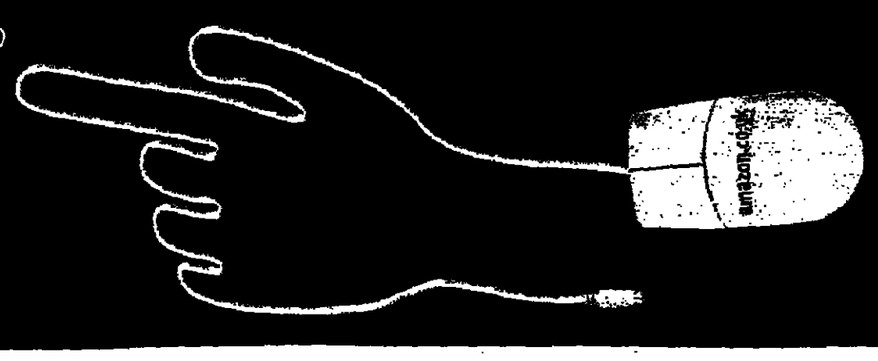
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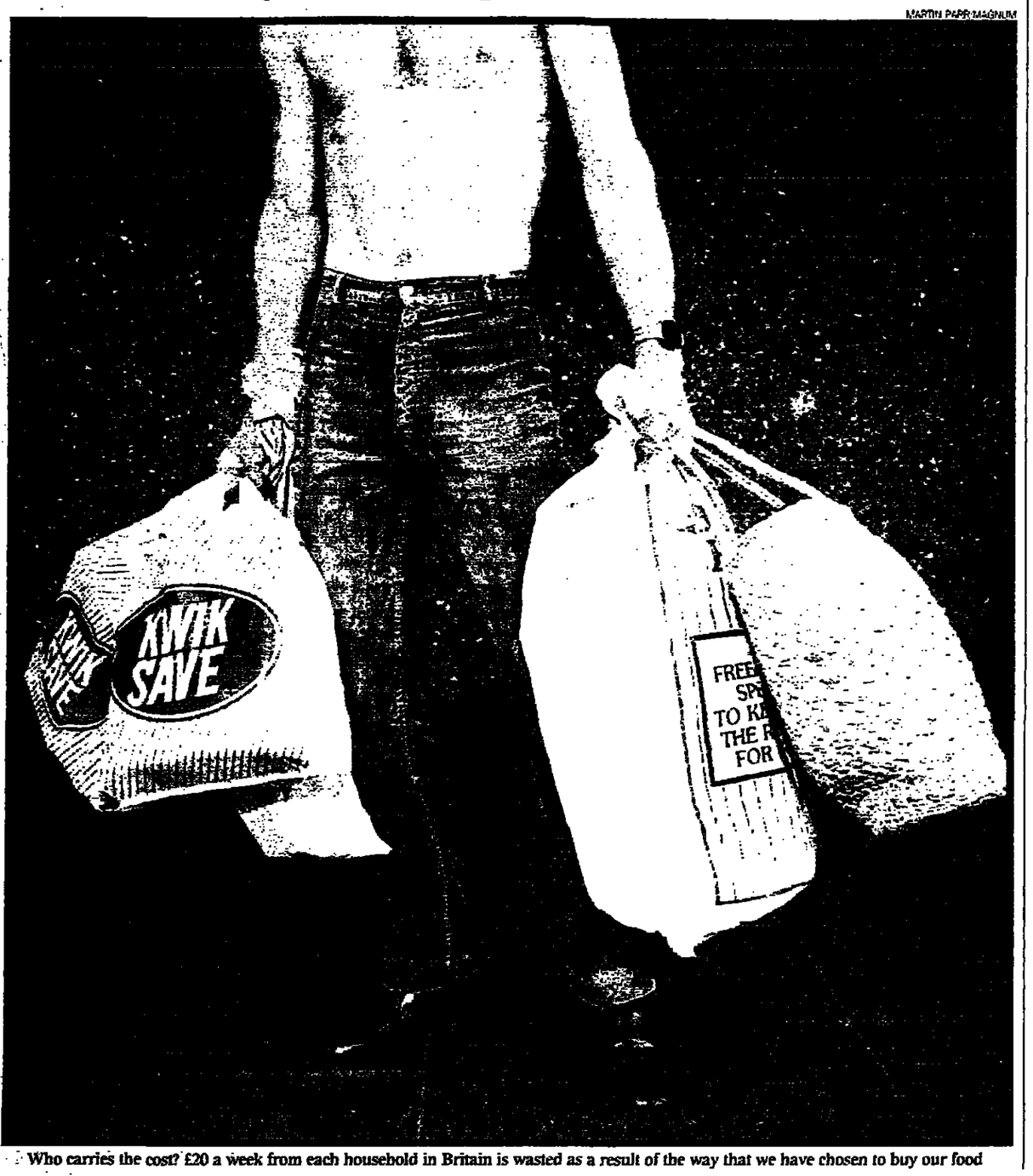
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# SUPERMARKETS are they taking over?

**The top five supply 70 per cent of our food and dominate our lives far beyond what we eat. It's time to curb their power, says Celia Brayfield**



MARTIN PARR/MAGNUM

Who carries the cost? £20 a week from each household in Britain is wasted as a result of the way that we have chosen to buy our food

Looking forward to the holiday? Won't it be great to de-stress, spend time with people you love and do things you enjoy? But the holiday will end. Then you get the bad stuff, the experience that destroys all the benefit of the holiday, brings you down, winds you up and makes you full of hate.

Going to the supermarket does this for me. It doesn't matter which one — Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda, Safeway, spot the difference. And it's not the queues or the mental arithmetic of balancing two-for-one against 33 per cent extra against double loyalty points, or the mystery of why 60-watt narrow screw-fitting spot bulbs are always out of stock. It's the CONTROL.

They want you, the supermarkets. They want your life, and that's just for starters. They want the lot: the country formerly known as this green and pleasant land, the nation that is no longer a nation of shopkeepers, the society that the previous Government claimed didn't exist. They need all this or they cannot stay in profit.

Food is the hot issue of the moment. More than 70 per cent of all British food sales are now made through the biggest five supermarkets — membership comprising the four named above plus whichever of the also-rans is currently performing best. Is it just a coincidence that all the two-for-one offers in the country cannot get you past the checkout with a weekend's groceries and change from £20?

The Office of Fair Trading is trying to work out why we seem to have the most expensive food in Europe. Meanwhile, I have proved the hypothesis that it is cheaper to feed cats real food instead of catfood. The only problem is that my cats are hooked on fast food and prefer kitty bikkies enriched with E-numbers to a nice herring. They're only human, I suppose. More than a third of all food eaten at home is pre-prepared junk food.

Food prices are only a part of the picture. The supermarkets' grip is like that of a giant squid, with its tentacles around every area of our way of life.

For years, supermarkets have shaped the urban landscape by controlling the retail sector of the commercial property market. If one of the big five does not commit to a proposed shopping centre, the centre won't be built. If the centre isn't built, the region dies a commercial death — no passing trade, no niche selling, no small shops, a decaying high street full of discount stores on short leases.

From the human viewpoint, this is a lose-lose situation. If one of the big five does come to town, it slaughters small shops in price wars and forces up property values so that only multinational retailing chains such as Gap and Benetton can afford to trade alongside them. This also leaves the high street to rot unless an enlightened municipality theme-parks it, Covent Garden style, with wine bars and restaurants.

The worst that can happen to a neighbourhood is a concentration of several supermarkets in the same chain in one area, according to Hugh Raven, a government adviser whose analysis of the food economy expands on many of these issues in the most frightening book I have read this year, *Town And Country*, edited by Anthony Barnett and Roger Scruton, published by Jonathan Cape at £12.99.

> They can dicate the breed, age and size of farm animals

Raven points to Sutton, an unhappy corner of the London conurbation where one big supermarket snaffles down two thirds of all food sales. The supermarket in question may claim only 10 per cent of national sales, less than half the 25 per cent that would worry monopoly regulators, but as far as the people of Sutton are concerned, it's way over the limit and it has got them by the Christmas mixed nuts.

Let's get out of town. Here we are on the road — again. Supermarkets were meant to cut down trips by offering us one-stop shopping. It happened the other way round; now we make a third more car journeys for shopping than we did 20 years ago, and those trips are twice as long.

Have you ever been stuck in a traffic jam behind a juggernaut named Tesco and wondered how much time you could save if you hijacked the stuff and walked home? Almost all stock sold by supermarkets comes from distribution centres, so our home-grown food travels 50 per cent farther to reach us than it did 25 years ago.

As for those South African grapes I passed on in Marks & Spencer yesterday — food air freight tonnage has doubled since the Eighties and is growing faster now. Would I rather have an English apple and keep Heathrow airport the size it is, or go for a Mexican mango with an added Terminal 5? Please don't ask me to work out the energy cost of the mango in fuel and refrigeration; I left my calculator in the mineral water aisle at Sainsbury's.

Let's fill up the car — at the supermarket garage with double loyalty card points again — and head for the country. No escape. The supermarkets control everything here as well.

Have you noticed that all pigs look the same? Radio 4's *Farming Today* enlightened me on that one. Most of our pigs are all the same breed, fed the same stuff (don't ask) and killed at the same weight so that their pork chops can all be the same size and fit on the same styrofoam trays in the supermarket. Is it me or is that absolutely crazy?

With their invincible buying power, supermarkets make bigger deals with bigger farms for smaller margins. They dictate whether the green fields of England can still afford hedges (not in East Anglia), whether Kent will still be the garden of England (not any more), what breed, age and size of animals are raised on our farms and what price they fetch at market, what strain of which crops are grown and what chemicals are used on them. Forget all that crop-rotation moonshine that you learnt at school. It's all chemicals now.

Ah, but supermarkets sell lots of lovely organic produce. It's healthier and environmentally responsible and good for our countryside. Oh no it isn't. It's imported. Read the labels. Seventy per cent of our organic food is imported, we have the lowest organic acreage of any European Union country and we pay our organic farmers the least.

Farmers of any kind are one of Britain's worst-oppressed minorities, and one of the smallest — 2 per cent of the workforce. In the food chain, farmers are only one link above their own grass.

As for the future — supermarkets can also choose whether or not to encourage genetic crop modification and don't seem terribly sensitive to our desire to know if what we are eating has the DNA God gave it or some mutant that is more cost-effective. They also have a lot of money to spend opposing attempts to regulate the use of Frankenstein produce.

Maybe this is all our fault. The power of consumption is said to be democratic. A recent survey of women's attitudes to shopping, by the market research company GfK, discovered that women hate shopping and that supermarkets were the sixth most hated kind of shop, in order of detestation, next to building societies, banks, chemists, car dealers and electrical goods stores. Sainsbury's was bottom of the league, where 38 per cent of shoppers are miserable, against just 24 per cent at Asda.

However, the things we apparently wanted improved were location and ease of use. Social responsibility wasn't an option on the questionnaire. We also wanted cheaper food and more choice.

Do we realise that these are mutually exclusive in a supermarket? Or that we spend less of our household income on food than most of the rest of Europe, but that £20 per home per week — according to Hugh Raven — is wasted as a result of the way that we have chosen to buy that food?

If supermarkets can half-kill the farming industry, what are they going to do to the rest of their suppliers? Supermarkets also sell banking, financial products, credit cards, insurance, fuel, household goods, books, videotapes, music, electrical goods, pharmaceuticals, clothes and garden plants.

Our neighbourhood Tesco recently researched local support for a medical centre, dental clinic and dispensing chemist attached to the store: a dentist friend supported the idea and said it couldn't do a worse job than the NHS trust. Maybe. I foresee a nasty boardroom spat between the director of dental services and the head of confectionery sales.

Call me an old hippy, but it makes me nervous to see so much of society controlled by people who are in business only to make money and are clearly making too much of it already.

A lot of people are now coming forward with ideas to revitalise artisanal food culture, compete with agri-business and regulate the supermarkets. I think we should listen to them but keep looking at the big picture. The future doesn't have to be Asda.

# Two minutes and the force was with me

**The latest US box-office hit is a trailer. Giles Whittell reports**

They were the two most expensive minutes of entertainment of my life: 120 seconds at 7.5 cents per second, which, dragged out over the length of a three-act opera would have meant a $1,000 ticket.

For my money I saw some familiar bleached desertscapes, three slogans, a couple of intergalactic dogfights and an introduction to Liam Neeson sporting the cowl and beard of an alien wise man. There were also glimpses of Ewan McGregor with a light sabre and Jake Lloyd, an American child actor, starting down his fateful road to Darth Vaderhood.

On a strictly personal level it was not worth paying full price and getting to the cinema 15 minutes early just for a trailer. Even a *Star Wars* trailer. But among the faithful, the chance to see the first new footage from George Lucas's Skywalker Ranch in 15 years — on show in Britain from Wednesday — caused an unprecedented stirring of excitement.

> Fans queued round the block wherever it was on

The montage comes from next year's *Star Wars* "prequel". In New York and Los Angeles fans queued round the block wherever it was playing. They shuffled in, often several times a day, emerging minutes later on a strange emotional high.

"This just restores my faith in mankind," one addict said. Critics went, too, and one wrote that it had been "more than a trailer . . . It was a bona fide travel brochure from another world." Within three days 400,000 diehards had downloaded their own copy off the Internet and Lucas's company was having to install new high-speed data transmission lines to handle the traffic.

This is a marketing coup, to be sure — a tsunami of hype six months before the film's release, and for no more money than Twentieth Century Fox would have spent promoting it anyway. But apparently it is also art — a "miniature gem of showmanship", according to Steve Daly, who gave the trailer an "A" in *Entertainment Weekly*.

At the early screenings people cheered, then fell into pin-drop silence, then cheered again at the action sequences, and came out with the euphoria of Pentecostalists after a tented revival. Here was an opus that pushed all the buttons of many a full-length film, all in the time it takes to make a cup of instant coffee.

A very envious marketing honcho from Dreamworks described it as the first must-see "appointment trailer". When *Star Wars* first hit the screens back in 1977 trailers were cheap, corny and missable, their traditional purpose that of providing a parking'n'popcorn buffer before show time.

Now, however, trailers are worth catching, although few will be events in their own right. *Titanic*'s came close, through sheer force of expectation after so much talk of a $200 million bomb. MGM may be hoping to create something similar before next year's twentieth Bond adventure.

In the meantime, however, even jaded *Star Wars* sceptics must admit that Lucas has indeed come up with something new. In conceptual terms it is MTV-meets-the-overture, and like Genghis Khan ordering a new invasion of Eurasia from his eyrie in the Altai Mountains, it has the power to whip legions of far-flung followers into a frenzy. It is a little spooky, and by this time next year it will have made Mr Lucas even richer than he is already.






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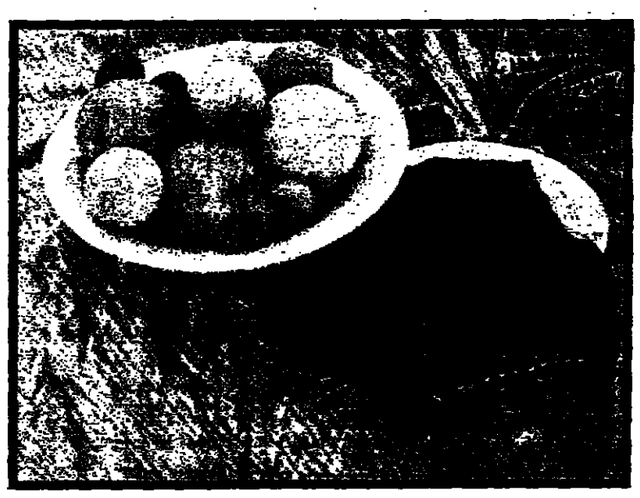
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## Come on, toss out the taffeta. All you need is a well thought-out wardrobe to cover all possibilities when you have to look glamorous

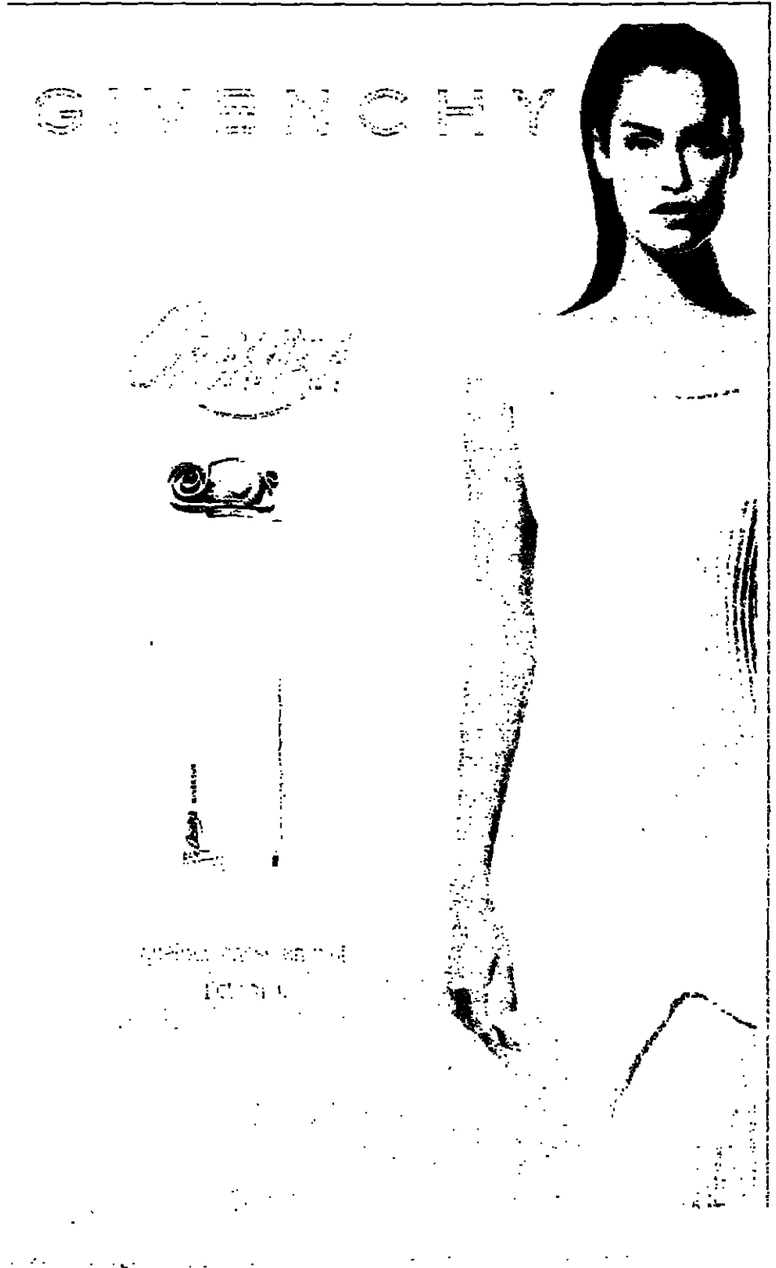
Some women are born to dress up. They enter the world with fully formed credit cards and a homing instinct that leads directly to John Galliano.

These are the women who go shopping for Puffa jackets and return with a beaded halterneck. They would never be caught wearing short clothes when everyone else is in long, or looking *haute-fashion* stark when old-fashioned sparkly is the order of the night. They would not dream of wearing flat shoes after 6pm, however *fashionable*, because *they* worked out years ago that glamour calls for heels. And they would never make the mistake, as I once did, of spending days tracking down a fabulous skirt, then squandering it by wearing it with a plain white shirt to a sit-down dinner.

I do not know how they instinctively avoid all these mistakes. But they do. The rest of us will have to learn the rules by rote.

By the rest of us, I mean that vast group of British women who, frankly, struggle with the whole concept of dressing up. Perhaps it's a throwback to Puritanism, or some misplaced sense of austerity or frugality. Either way, the result is that while we have worked our way round the kind of unspoken daytime rules that make combat trousers great at weekends and less brilliant for an interview with a merchant bank, we are as lambs to the slaughter faced with those two dreaded words, Black Tie.

One of the difficulties is that while Black Tie is a literal command for most men, it requires lateral thought for women — and it's the lateral bit that drives everyone mad. Add to all this the quaint British habit of regarding overdressing as a cardinal social sin and you have a recipe for disaster. No wonder so many British women resort to that old standby, the ancient, hideous taffeta puff — the logic being that it doesn't matter how awful it looks provided that it also looks sufficiently out of date for everyone to realise that absolutely no *effort* was made. At the last three black-tie events I've been to, every style option has been on show, from Cher in her navel-gazing period to early Diana, which would be fine if everyone felt happy dressed as though they were attending separate parties at different ends of the cen-




# Dreamy confections for those little angels

FASHION DIARY By Lisa Armstrong

THE under-sevens have problems dressing for more formal occasions, too. While their mothers tend to picture them in something handsmocked or charmingly low-key — such as a velvet pinafore — the average under-seven invariably has more grandiose visions. Layers of tulle, a maribou boa or three, and a couple of pairs of angel wings are usually a good start.

As the mother of a five-year-old who doesn't think tottering around Sainsbury's in a tiara and train is overdoing it, I can only envy the youngsters' lack of self-consciousness. If we will persist in reading them fairy stories, I don't think we can really complain.

The answer, I think, is to give up on trying to make them look like illustrations from a Milly Molly Mandy adventure and instead give them what they want in versions that we find acceptable. The best — and most expensive — of these come from a small company called little wings, which has managed to make dreamy little confections in layers of tulle and organza, some finished with pearl droplets, others hand-decorated with silk and velvet flowers.

Most adorable are the satin ballet slippers, trimmed with blue icicle crystals, stars or petals, from £20.



I wouldn't be surprised if it is inundated with requests for adult sizes. Sophie Hamilton, who established little wings three months ago after searching vainly for a fairy outfit that wasn't kitsch, says she has already been asked to provide wings in grown-up sizes. "I think most children dream of being fairies," says Sophie. "I had the most romantic, beautiful dress when I was little and it made me think that I really could fly."

Prices start at £50 for the hand-finished flower or maribou-trimmed skirts and reach £115 for a five-layered tulle and crystal dress — not cheap, but worth every penny if they put an end to pre-party disputes. Telephone/fax little wings on 0171-243 3840.

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# of dressing up?





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tury. But most people don't. They like to blend in. Or at least they like to stand out for the right reasons.

It's worse when dress codes are vague. "Come as you are" ranks among the most disingenuous advice in the English language, and there's something unsettling about suspecting that somehow you are expected to make an effort but not knowing to what degree.

These, then, are the problems. And given that nothing will make them go away, short of retiring permanently to a Tibetan retreat, the intelligent solution is to be prepared. This means researching and investing. It may even mean compiling a capsule wardrobe. Yes, I know the term has a dubious Eighties feel about it but in this instance I think it really is a good idea since a well-thought-out evening wardrobe will enable you to make a minimal number of purchases and still cover all bases.

Amanda Wakeley, the queen of British evening wear and possessor, one might imagine, of the mother of all evening collections, swears by hers, not simply because she travels constantly and doesn't always have access to the sample rail in her studio, but because she hates having "lots of stuff". Since she attends a monumental number of parties a month and manages to look right at all of them, it's worth considering her own list:

1. A well-cut tuxedo trouser suit. "It looks sexy worn with nothing underneath and is a brilliant standby for those events when you don't know quite what to expect — a smart dinner party, for instance."

2. A strapless long dress in black or midnight crêpe for really formal evenings. This should be simple, but beautifully cut for dramatic impacts. If you're worried about too much bare flesh, invest in a beautiful wrap and take comfort in the forgiving nature of night-time lighting.

3. A dressy skirt or trousers in satin, velvet or beaded pashmina that can be worn with a little cashmere or mohair tank (see the Whistles one on this page or check out Marks & Spencer's silky silver sleeveless jumpers) for more relaxed evenings, or a beaded top when full-on glamour is called for.

4. Killer (ie, high) evening shoes.

5. A wrap — easier than a coat, which will rarely be the right length, and more versatile. Wakeley has sheepskin stoles, dyed to match her outfits (available from the Amanda Wakeley Collection), and pashminas that can be worn inside and out (see number 3).

This little lot would, she says, take her anywhere. To simplify things further, she keeps to a restricted colour palette so that everything co-ordinates: black, white and grey in winter, black, white and tan in summer.

This list can be endlessly tweaked. Personally, I'd swap the tuxedo (fantastic when it's offset by her blonde mane, not quite the same effect with a brown crop) for the best, classic black cocktail dress I could afford. I'd opt for an embroidered, beaded skirt (such as *the one here from Elspeth Gibson*), because being a fashiony type I'm likely to wear velvet or satin during the day, and the whole point of evening wear is to make you feel special.

You may also want to dispense with the long gown, though on the whole, even if you go to a very smart gala only every two years, it's worth investing in a beautiful one. If you avoid obvious fashion trends — anything tricksy, anything that has been plastered across the fashion magazines — your choices shouldn't date for at least five years. And having a mainstay that makes you feel confident should stop you squandering small fortunes on another mistake.

Amanda Platt, a freelance *style consultant, sends her clients* to Liberty and A la Mode in Hans Crescent, Knightsbridge, to work out what they really like, then tells them to look for high street versions because she thinks any high fashion evening wear should not cost much. Even then, beware the season's big gimmick (in this instance sequins — they should be confined to a belt, bag or shoes).

"Too many British women look diabolical at night because they abandon what suits them. Night-time means wearing the same silhouettes that work during the day, but in different fabrics. Textures are important, too," says Platt.

This is encouraging because British women tend to be comfortable mixing layers of different fabrics and textures (years of living in draughty houses does have advantages), which helps to explain why so many traditional evening-wear elements — beading, velvets and silks — are making their way into homeware.

Back on the clothes front, Platt is pro stretch satins on *slim women because "they're* sexy, which is important at night, and flatter the skin", and velvets on bigger women. "A lot of night-time dressing is about creating illusion — looking barer than you are or more daring. I'm all for having classics, but you need to add something that stops it all looking too drearily tasteful."

Shoes are the most reliable standby here — the higher and more twinkly, the better. "You'd be amazed how racy a boring old black suit can look with ankle-strap shoes," says Platt. She suggests tracking down shoes with a strap that sit above the ankle as they flatter most legs. Tights are another overlooked area, but one that can make or break a look. "You can't beat Wolford's nine-denier tights for a sheer, pretty look, or *its double-layer fishnets*, which will spice up the most conventional outfit."

Finally, it isn't often that you hear a fashion editor exhorting you to exert quite such caution in the face of trends. But years of observing that the women having most fun at big events are invariably the ones deploying what might be termed traditional tactics — high heels and low necklines — has convinced me that one's most modish, tasteful pieces are best left to daytime and those who will most appreciate them. That is to say, other women.

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**ANN BOYD**
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STYLE FILE
by Deborah Brett

**Describe your personal style?**
Plain, unfussy and simple.

***What period in fashion do* you love?**
Now; there's freedom of choice, but you must choose well.

**What piece of clothing can you not live without?**
The white T-shirt. I have more than 100.

**What are your pet hates regarding fashion?**
I hate the slavish following of fashion regardless of whether it suits you or not.

**What do you think of current fashion trends?**
I try not to.

**What is the most expensive/luxurious item you have ever bought?**
A beaded Navajo jacket from Ralph Lauren. It cost £4,000 *ten years ago.*

**What is your favourite shop?**
Nicole Farhi on Bond Street. The clothes are easy but stylish, the layout pleasing and the staff the nicest in London.

**What piece of clothing/accessory would you most like to receive as a gift?**
A pale blue double-cashmere dressing gown from N. Peal.

**How often do you shop?**
Maybe once a season. When I'm in the mood I enjoy buying loads from Nicole Farhi, Ralph Lauren, Joseph and anything suede from Banana Republic in New York.

**What is your style motto?**
Keep it simple.


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# Ain't she just a little too sweet?

DONALD COOPER



A Victorian circus comes to Bohemia: the new Royal Opera staging of *The Bartered Bride* at Sadler's Wells Theatre, with Robert Tear (the Ringmaster, centre) and Colette Delahunt (Esmeralda, centre foreground)

OPERA

**The Bartered Bride**
Sadler's Wells

Opera back in Rosebery Avenue, and with a piece played regularly by the old resident company — not just the occasion of nostalgia for oldsters but a harbinger for the future. Even as rejigged, with sightlines and stage-auditorium ratio vastly improved, the Wells is the perfect size for almost all the repertoire: here is the 1,500-seater London has lacked for far too long, and I hope that Ian Albery will allow the occasional season, despite his well-aired reservations about the genre and its current purveyors, the homeless Royal Opera.

It would be rash to pronounce on acoustics after a single visit, but from the centre stalls the voices are immediate and full, and the chorus, perhaps trying a little too hard, produced an impressive if somewhat relentless barrage of sound. No doubts, though, about the Royal Opera House Orchestra under Bernard Haitink: every note from hushed pianissimo to rumbustious forte spoke clearly.

Haitink launched Smetana's famous overture at perhaps too deliberate a pace for its gale-of-fresh-air exuberance, but the precision of the scurrying strings and the clarity of the dizzying development section showed why. Thereafter, he led the dances with proper Bohemian bounce and shaped the more sentimental passages with affection and understanding in a hugely loveable musical performance.

Francesca Zambello's production is carefree and pretty almost to a fault. Alison Chitty's set is a plain wooden structure — we might almost be in America's Midwest for a barn-raising — brought to life by Wolfgang Göbbel's constantly shifting washes of warm light. The costumes are fairytale Czech in lime-green and yellow, all in operatic never-never-land period.

There's not a trench-coat, Kalashnikov or hypodermic syringe to be seen — nor yet a speck of mud — and in that sense it's an incredibly daring staging (European critics would slaughter it). Hordes of little children scamper about, reminding some of us that this is the season of King Herod as well as the Nativity: I just wish they wouldn't squeal during some of Smetana's most beautiful postludes.

Is all this enough? In a sense David Short's excellent programme note about class structure in Bohemian village life shoots the production in the foot: there's no sign of it on stage, with little difference in costuming between the Michas and the Krusinas; and the role of the marriage broker is imprecise, unthreatening.

And what about Smetana's, and indeed opera's, role in the movement towards Czech independence? Zambello's Victorian circus is sweet, but is it a symbol of anarchy? All right, this is a rustic comedy, but there is a subtext and it has been purposefully ignored.

But enough of this unseasonal grouchiness. There's some fine singing, once you get over the dottiness of a non-Czech cast singing Czech at an audience in which planeloads from Prague over for their Christmas shopping were noticeable by their absence.

Ian Bostridge's stuttering Vasek is a masterly creation in a perceptible tradition — when the company last performed the piece the role was taken by Peter Pears. Franz Hawlata at least makes something of the language and wields a powerful bass as the Marriage Broker, but should he really be so matey with the boys down the pub? Two Finns, Soile Isokoski and Jorma Silvasti, sing the demanding roles of hero and heroine with charm.

There are riches elsewhere, including Roberto Salvatori's hilarious fake Indian, Gwynne Howell's tousled Krusina, and Anne Howells, commanding as the stuttерer's mother. All undemanding fun: I want more, even at Christmas.

RODNEY MILNES

# Welcome to the pantomime season

POP

**Jools Holland**
Festival Hall

Although Jools Holland is best known as the genial host of the BBC TV series *Later*, he still thinks of himself primarily as a musician. Indeed, it is his fluent piano playing and keen ear for all sorts of music that form the basis of the easy rapport he enjoys with the many guests who appear on his programme.

In concert at the Festival Hall on Friday, he presided over his 12-piece Rhythm And Blues Orchestra with a similarly breezy charm, evoking a relaxed sense of camaraderie which extended beyond the stage to embrace a capacity crowd that was singing and dancing in the aisles by the end of the show.

Taken at face value, it was a polished and entertaining performance featuring musicianship of a high calibre. Holland's technique as a boogie woogie pianist was certainly never in doubt. On blues and jazz standards ranging from Memphis Slim's *Every Day I Have The Blues* to Count Basie's *Avenue C*, he pumped out chattering melody lines and striding left-hand bass figures with phenomenal vigour, yet made it look effortless.

His band, including an eight-piece horn section, was comprised of similarly well-seasoned players. The ensemble playing was sensational on *Beatroute* — the romping, spy movie-inspired theme to Holland's new TV series of the same name — and there were many outstanding individual contributions, notably from organist Mick Talbot, trombonist Rico Rodriguez and saxophonist Leo Green. Drummer Gilson Lavis, Holland's long-standing colleague from Squeeze, provided an elegantly explosive solo during Joe Liggins's *The Honeydripper*.

But for all its populist appeal, the show was marred by various shortcomings. Holland is no great shakes as a singer, and his ineffectual whine and fake American accent became ever more grating as the evening went on. The problem was only compounded by the arrival of the guest vocalist Carleen Anderson, who bellowed out her version of Paul McCartney's *Maybe I'm Amazed* with complete indifference either to note or nuance, and hammed up an arrangement of the carol *Silent Night* that hovered uncertainly between gospel singalong and office-party knees-up.

The four Christmas trees which lit up behind the musicians at this point provided a timely reminder that the show was, after all, only a part of pop's panto season. The impression remained of Holland as a knowledgeable musician and pleasant bloke who prefers to skim across the surface of his material rather than dig deep to produce a performance of real weight.

DAVID SINCLAIR

# Daughter of darkness

**P.J. Harvey**
Glasgow

RECENT interviews have claimed the emergence of a new all-smiling, happy and contented Polly Jean Harvey, "the angst-ridden old bitch cow" (her own description) a thing of the past. Even so, her most recent album *Is This Desire?* is perhaps her most tortured to date, full of songs which offset nightmarish tales of foreboding and despair against a dense and brooding soundscape.

Its litany of obsession, sin and death is not to everyone's taste, but there is a compelling quality to her searing and sometimes claustrophobic soul-searching. Whatever contentment Harvey has found, she is not about to present the world with a series of merry singalong ditties. At Glasgow's Barrowlands, the first date of her new British tour, she played all but one of the songs from *Is This Desire?* Her last British tour, three years ago, reduced her to a breakdown but here she seemed confident and self-possessed. She looked less waiflike than in a long time, and her voice had a strength not always apparent on the album, with its protective layers of sound.

The sound provided by her long-time collaborator Don Parrish on guitar, multi-instrumentalist and former Captain Beefheart sideman Eric Drew Feldman, drummer Rob Ellis and bassist Jeremy Hogg, was angular and jagged, allowing Harvey's elastic voice space to breath. She opened with the sparse and bluesy *Catherine* and followed with the half-spoken *Rope Bridge Crossing*. By the time the band hit the hypnotic *No Hope for Joy* Harvey was clearly enjoying herself, rocking back and forth on the microphone or doing a shamanistic dance at the back of the stage. Her famous banshee wail was unleashed to effect on *Perfect Day Elise*, her phrasing on *Angeline* showed the influence of the folk ballad tradition in which she grew up and a radically reconstructed version of Bob Dylan's *Highway 61* was an unexpected bonus.

Until the final "Thank you for coming" as she quit the stage, there was no superfluous banter between songs. But she held her audience enthralled throughout, in a cathartic performance with its own sense of theatre that transcended the confines of a conventional rock gig.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

# Voyage round a mother

THEATRE

**Toothless**
BAC, SW11

Toothless, which shares the Japanese word for "speech", is an untranslatable pun employed by Kazuko Hohki's mother when she could no longer fit her false teeth over her swollen (and, unbeknown to her, cancerous) gums. Hohki's mother was a priestess of the House of Self Enlightenment, a modern religion that taught that no one need be ill if they believed in God. She was a popular public speaker who employed many comic tricks and mimes in her evangelising addresses. When she fell ill it was impossible for her to admit to the fact, since to do so would essentially rubbish her entire life's work.

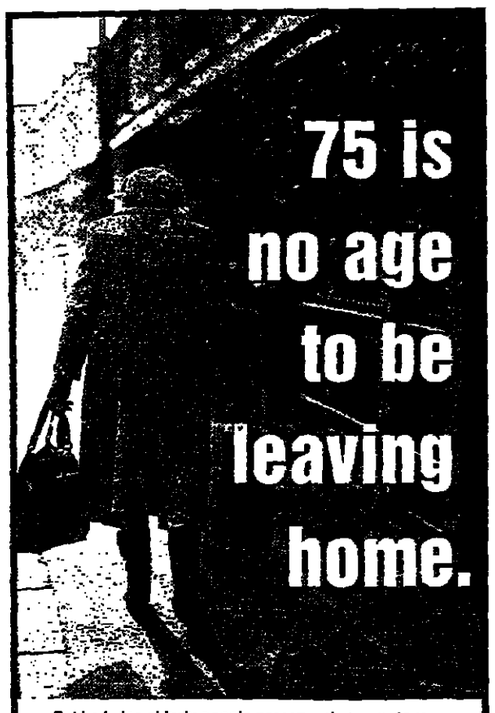
In her one-woman show Hohki describes her mother as "so wonderful that I could not live in the same country . . . she was a hero, she lived in a vision she believed in: this meant that we shared very few moments of closeness". The story of *Toothless* is essentially that of Hohki's respect for a woman who abandoned her family for religion, her exasperation with the stubbornness of her mother's beliefs and the changing nature of their relationship.

Hohki's commentary on her mother's sickness is delightfully forthright. At one point her mother has just bled heavily but still refuses to admit anything is wrong with her; Hohki remembers her leaning back woozily in her seat, "repeating 'oh, I feel good, I feel good' like some kind of porno star".

The told story is bolstered by animations, slide shows and excellent live music. One of the most endearing sequences is the story of the mother's life told through live animation: sitting on the floor Hohki moves puppets in front of a video camera that projects on to a large screen on the other side of the stage. Prerecorded video sequences, featuring Hohki's toy theatre, are not always as satisfying; for some reason having ambulancemen played by two painted dinosaurs (one with a tattoo) works brilliantly; elsewhere the relevance is more obscure. But the bravery of the final section, in which the cardboard mother is placed in the domestic gas oven for cremation, rescues the exercise from falling into pointless kitsch.

While the story is fascinating, Hohki's deliberately ingenuous and downbeat performing style often makes it hard to follow what she is saying and gives the performance a degree of informality that could begin to grate. Otherwise this is a complex and fascinating exercise in modern tragi-comedy.

HETTIE JUDAH


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# Old boots in fine repair

## Why does a nice woman such as Diana Rigg play so many monsters?

**Benedict Nightingale** reports

SIMON WALKER



Christmas treat: Diana Rigg looks forward to playing the battleaxe Madame de Bellegarde in *The American* on BBC2

Here's a good question for the kind of quiz that surfaces in the papers at yuletide. Who is the only Chancellor of Stirling University to have appeared in a list of the century's sexiest women? All right, let's make it easier. Which Dame of the British Empire did the readers of *Playboy* recently rate among the 100 most winsome dames they could name? Very well, let's reverse the paradox. Which internationally renowned, still-youthful 60-year-old actress now makes a speciality of playing ageing ogres and what she herself calls "embittered old bags"?

The answer is, of course, Dame Diana Rigg. After Euripides's Medea came Brecht's Mother Courage, and after that human hyena came Martha in Albee's *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, and after that raging dipsomaniac came Racine's Phèdre and the same author's Agrippina: women turned into monsters by (respectively) lust and power. If she were to confide a determination to play Medusa, Caliban or the Cyclops, I think my eyebrows would stay unraised.

Rigg has spent much of the 1990s failing to dwindle into a silver-haired charmer, still less an old dear; and she is not finished yet. Remember the Mrs Danvers she played in a TV version of Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca*, picking up an Emmy for her efforts? You can see the same mushroom-coloured face and much the same baleful stare on BBC2 over Christmas, when Rigg puts in a characteristically fierce, unfettered performance as a woman whose lifework is to ensure that her clan's blue blood remains untainted by anything fresh or new: Madame de Bellegarde in an adaptation of Henry James's *The American*.

Imagine the reaction of your average star if Paul Unwin, who directs, had offered her the role. Isn't the character off-puttingly unsympathetic? Wouldn't it be bad for her image? But Rigg thinks that weird, difficult or evil characters are more rewarding to play, and that sympathy can only emerge unsought, unforced and of its own accord. Equally, she dismisses concern with image as "rubbish".

It isn't surprising, then, that she decided to play grim old Bellegarde after Unwin told her he wanted to renounce sentimentality and prettiness for emotional immediacy. "Costume dramas tend to be so bloodless it can be hard to pick one from another," she says. "It was when Paul said he was aiming for a robust, passionate style that I wanted to join the exercise."

> 'I'd like to do a farce, but I don't get offered affable parts'

It now seems odd that, less than a decade ago, Rigg would probably have been made a DBE mainly for her conscientious toil on Arts Council reports and the like. She had given fine performances in the 1960s and 1970s, but spent much of the 1980s bringing up her daughter. By 1991 she felt professionally abandoned: "I put my hand up and said *adsum*, and nobody wanted to know."

It was a call from Jonathan Kent, co-director of the then obscure Almeida, that changed everything. His production of *All for Love*, Dryden's version of *Antony and Cleopatra*, remade her career, and her Egyptian queen began to make the Islington theatre's reputation. There followed a series of once-potent characters darkly involved in the struggle to survive, most recently Nero's mother, Agrippina, in the Almeida's West End season: "She has really manoeuvred to get where she is, and now she feels it slipping away, so she has the terror of someone with her knuckles whitened on the last vestiges of her power. I suspect she knows what she's given birth to, and that he will kill her."

Would she count that her most satisfying role, then? Yes and no. "Always the particular one I'm doing is my favourite. I give it my total and utter loyalty at the time. I don't want to sound complacent, but I just love my work. I still feel a sense of relish whenever I go into the theatre at night, and I love it when I look up at the curtain-call and see all those spectral faces in the gods. I try not to see them as a body of people but as individuals, and I bless them every night."

Rigg is a conscientious preparer of roles. For Bellegarde she immersed herself in books about 19th-century Paris, although they were of limited use when she came to play a character so trapped in her aristocratic eyrie. But she also relies on observation, imagination and her immediate emotions. With *Medea*, the horror of children splattered to death against a wall was much in her mind. "And that scene in *Virginia Woolf* where Martha's husband destroys her I found very painful. I can't cry to order. I have to feel it then and there. But with Martha I was in tears every night."

But wouldn't it be a relief to tackle some non-grim, non-painful roles? Well, a TV series in which she plays a 1920s detective called Mrs Bradley is in the offing. Yet the theatrical producers no longer seem to see her as the charming, humorous actress she can be. "I'm longing to do a comedy, I'd like to do a farce. But I don't get offered affable parts. I seem to have got slightly typecast. It's weird."

It's doubly weird because the reason she has never had the career she deserves on the big screen is probably that the producers have mentally typecast her in a diametrically opposite way. They have dismissed her as the lightweight who played leather-clad pranks in *The Avengers* and, a bit later, married James Bond in *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. "I'm just not offered serious parts. My film CV is virtually non-existent, so they say let's not bother. I'd love the chance — not to be a film star, I've no delusions that way, but to do good work."

It is very contradictory; but then contradiction seems to be the lot of a woman who is currently preparing her inaugural lecture as next year's Cameron Mackintosh Professor of Theatre at Oxford, waiting for her majestically horrible Bellegarde to hit our TV screens — and being relentlessly teased by friends for her *Playboy* billing as one of our era's top sexpots. Eminent dame though she is, she admits to being gratified by the last of these achievements: "Wouldn't you be? It's a hoot. The whole *Phèdre* company was crying with laughter. I may play old boots, and I may look like a right old boot in *The American*. But who cares if I'm that sexy? It's lent a new spring to my step."

● The American *will be shown on BBC2 on Boxing Day (10.15pm)*

# Dear Star Wars

THINK of it, if you will, as a one-man adult panto. On the same stage where Angela Carter's version of *Cinderella* unfolds this Christmas, Phill Jupitus launches into a convoluted reworking of that modern fairy story, *Star Wars. Jedi Steady Go* is a love-letter to the space epic that he first saw as a teenager in a cinema where, as he tells it, a demented organist could still be heard charging through *Yes, Sir, That's My Baby*.

Of course, Jupitus can see through the contrivances of George Lucas's intergalactic plot and he knows that R2D2 is little more than a pedal bin with a wok on top. All the same, he cannot help being swept along by the sub-Dan Dare spectacle.

Darth Vader's grim visage stares out at us from the top of a column at centre-stage. Surrounded by cut-out figures of

**COMEDY**

**Phill Jupitus**
Lyric, Hammersmith

Luke Skywalker and his fellow warriors, Jupitus jogs diligently through the storyline. An assured mimic, he reproduces everything from the Twentieth Century Fox fanfare to the roll of Alec Guinness's vowels.

Along the way he evokes an alternative universe squeezed into his native corner of Essex. Guinness, far from being a sage of the known Universe, becomes a hell-raising scourge of the local pubs and clubs, ready to take on allcomers. A prime candidate for a Steven Spielberg Chair in Media Trivia, Jupitus manages to work in countless pop culture references. Don't be surprised to encounter a Dalek or two wandering into the monologue as our narrator doodles at the margins of the screenplay.

Don't fall into the mistake, either, of thinking this is a show for the children. Jupitus, who is always a more amiable figure in the flesh than on TV, smuggles a hefty quota of predictably off-colour jokes into the proceedings. Hence the health warning posted by his warm-up act, John Mann, a gifted comic who also could not resist occasionally going for the same old shock tactics. Jupitus, for his part, ended on a high note, crooning new words to the tune of *Makin' Whoopee*. He goes back into orbit on Thursday and Friday.

CLIVE DAVIS

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# The papers miss the real story

## Winning in Europe is a matter of attitude, says **Tony Blair**

The coverage of the Vienna summit had a familiar ring to it. Once again, there was talk of the *vile plans that other European* countries had for Britain. Then there were denials from the Government, and accusations of scare stories. They were followed by counter-accusations that the Government was just blaming the press for its own troubles.

To compound the curious sense of nostalgia, I have been compared in the past few days to Margaret Thatcher and John Major. I was, apparently, compared to Lady Thatcher because I stood up for Britain and to Mr Major because I said Britain should be constructive in Europe, with the implication that such a stance is doomed to failure. On that basis, people have said that nothing has changed.

But it has. I don't have Mrs Thatcher's attitude to Europe and I don't, thankfully, lead *Mr Major's party.* When I say that I want Britain to be a leading partner in Europe, engaged in shaping its future, I mean it. And I can deliver it. It is not surprising that Britain's relations with Europe cause us anguish. They reach deep into the nation's psyche. We are an island, our political culture different from that of much of continental Europe.

But we did join the Common Market because, in the end, we knew it was in our interests. We can either make it work; or opt out of it and retreat to the margins, where the Tories took us. It is time to get some maturity into our relationship with Europe.

The two weeks in which the tax harmonisation row raged were bizarre. There were screaming headlines, about the Germans setting our taxes, VAT on children's clothes and our veto on tax being abolished, all from newspapers hostile to the EU. As ever, the papers more neutral on Europe simply caved in to the same agenda. Other media around the world scratched their heads in bemusement.

The casualty has been any sense of balance in the debate. A lot of the stories were simply untrue. A few did represent a genuine debate. There are some people in Europe who believe that, with a single currency in place, greater co-ordination of economic policy will lead, over time, to more harmonisation of taxes. There are even a few who believe in preventing tax competition, to ensure that countries with inefficient social systems, or high taxes, which don't want to reform, can avoid change by ensuring that others' costs match theirs.

But those voices do not remotely represent a unanimous EU view. In fact, as the Vienna conclusions show, the majority incline the other way. The summit ruled out uniform tax rates and supported tax competition. The idea that there is some grand EU design to bump up taxes is just false.

We gain absolutely nothing by losing that sense of balance in the debate. Naturally, if Europe proposes something foolish, I will work to stop it. If necessary, I will do it alone. But I don't start from there. I don't go to every summit or every meeting asking how many times I can use the veto.

At Vienna, pre-summit statements from the UK, with France, Germany, Sweden and Spain — all welcomed by other countries — were simply washed away by the age-old cliché of Britain isolated.

All countries have difficulties with the EU financing reform necessary for enlargement. By far the biggest issue is the desire of the northern states to stabilise EU spending, with the southern states in favour of more spending. In this, we are in the majority. Naturally, in the context of discussing EU finance, others may raise our rebate. We will defend it. They fight for their interests. We fight for ours. My point is just this: without balance, the public gets little sense that we are conducting such a fight sensibly, in a way that does not undermine our long-term interests.

> A casualty of recent debate has been any sense of balance

For, ultimately, the sceptics' case leads to Britain's withdrawal from Europe, even though few seriously argue that. I believe that our interests lie clearly in Europe and that the best policy for Britain is to engage constructively in order to argue effectively for the type of Europe we want.

There are real debates within Europe. Do we want economic reform or corporatism? Do we want a Europe which is building bridges, or barriers, to the US? Should we move to a centralised EU or one based on subsidiarity? And there is a genuine debate about the European social model.

The more intelligent Eurosceptics simply believe it is unrealistic to imagine that we can win this debate. I don't. I believe we can build the support and alliances to win the debate, if we have credibility by being positive and constructive towards Europe itself. And if we're not, and we opt out of the debate, then what? The debate could be lost, with us still hanging on, half in, half out, affected by developments in Europe but never affecting them.

That is why we want the euro to succeed, why we have set a new course for the country on it, preparing for its advent, while making it clear that the decision as to whether we join will be taken in our economic interest and with the consent of the people.

The irony is that, despite all the noise, we are probably in a stronger position to play a real part in Europe than we have been for years. As the debate on defence, or the lifting of the beef ban, shows, by engaging constructively we are winning arguments in Europe. This is our opportunity, but only if we lose the psychology of failure and start to have confidence that we can succeed.

## Proposed mergers that place key defence concerns in foreign hands are politically unacceptable

# Britain, a nation of subcontractors

*William Rees-Mogg*

Britain has given up ownership and management control over large areas of manufacturing industry. Does this matter? We now have no independently managed British motor industry, apart from a few tiny companies — Lea Francis, Bristol, the Robin Reliant. We are having to consider possible mergers in which control of our aerospace and electronic defence industries might follow. We have even had the same process, outside manufacturing, in the City. Warburgs, Barings, Kleinworts are subsidiaries of foreign banks. Whether the process is regarded as one of globalisation or Europeanisation, it makes people nervous. Napoleon called us a nation of shopkeepers: we are in danger of becoming a nation of subcontractors.

The latest proposal is the merger of British Aerospace with Daimler Chrysler Aerospace of Germany (DASA). This would not create a new independent European company; apparently British Aerospace would contribute some 65 per cent of the assets, and distribute 65 per cent of the shares to its own shareholders. Daimler Chrysler would contribute 35 per cent of the assets, but the parent company would retain up to 35 per cent of the shares — more than sufficient for control. Ultimate power over management would belong to Daimler Chrysler.

There is a further suggestion that GEC should either merge with British Aerospace or with the British Aerospace-DASA combine, or that it should dispose of the Marconi business to British Aerospace or the combine. Even here there is talk of similar terms being offered. This would amount to a sale. GEC shareholders would get shares in one or other new company, but GEC itself would be cut out of the management equation, at least for Marconi. That might not be attractive to GEC shareholders, since they would have given up their control of Marconi — a high-technology electronics company with a strong defence market — without obtaining any premium. It would also be worrying for Marconi employees if ultimate management decisions had been removed out of Britain.

I was a non-executive director of GEC for 16 years from 1981 to 1997, in Arnold Weinstock's time. In those days the job was primarily concerned with using one's experience to help the decision-making process of the company. Now corporate governance has taken over as the main function of the non-executive director, which has been a pity. One thing was obvious throughout my time with GEC. All the big defence decisions are taken by governments as political decisions at a high level. If a scheme for a triple merger of British Aerospace, DASA and GEC or Marconi were to go through, with Daimler Chrysler ending with the only substantial block of shares, that would mean that by far the greater part of Britain's defence industry was in foreign management and control. I do not believe that would be acceptable to any government, and therefore think it unlikely to happen.

The business of democratic politicians is to win votes, just as the business of businessmen is to earn profit. If there is a choice between closing a factory where their own votes are or closing one in another country, they will opt for laying off the other fellow's voters. Business managers are always more open to influence by the home government than to foreign pressure. True in America, true in Germany, true in Britain.

International defence mergers are therefore quite different from other international mergers. There has to be a political balance in the ownership of management structures which result. If British Aerospace is providing 65 per cent of the assets of the proposed merger with DASA, it should have at least 50 per cent of the voting shares. This is not known as nationalism or old-fashioned protectionism, simply the recognition that defence involves a political commitment unlike any other. This is not just a matter of satisfying the shareholders; the politicians have to be satisfied as well. Beyond the issues of jobs and votes, there is the issue of national survival.

In an ideal world these political considerations might not exist. But in an ideal world, there might be less pressure for these mega-mergers. Businessmen are excited by size, and plenty of people, including some top managers as well as bankers, make money out of big deals. Yet the actual record of big mergers is disappointing; research suggests that at least half of all mergers fail to deliver what was promised. I get the impression that most of the City banking mergers of the 1990s have been very unsatisfactory. Rather few people are competent to manage a single large business, with a single national culture. Hardly anyone knows how to manage a combination of two or more large businesses, with different business and national cultures.

There is even a proposal for a very broad, European defence merger, "Euroco", which would take in British Aerospace, DASA and France's Matra Dassault and Aerospatiale. Eventually it would have to include Saab, Alenia and Italy's Casa. Politically, this might be acceptable; a full European management structure might relate better to European governments. But managerially, it would be a nightmare. Most chief executives of these companies are fully stretched running their own businesses. Euroco would, almost inevitably, be run by negotiation, compromise and committees. Concorde, Eurofighter and Airbus have all been projects which have been seriously compromised by the internal struggles for national interests.

There are three big questions to be answered: what types of integration might be appropriate? Are aerospace and electronics separate businesses, or just parts of the defence business? What other nation offers the best fit for these British businesses? While I was on the GEC board, we had many negotiations with British Aerospace; none reached the point at which a merger would have been acceptable to the Ministry of Defence. Such a merger would have involved vertical integration, which the ministry and British Aerospace itself regarded as inherently too inefficient. British Aerospace strongly condemned vertical integration in its evidence on the GEC takeover of VSEL.

Aerospace and electronics are not the same business, but complementary businesses with some overlap of customers. They have different technologies, different futures and probably a widening disparity of markets. They also have significantly different risk profiles. British Aerospace has historically had volatile earnings, more dependent on big contracts which can produce big profits or big trouble. My view is that France, rather than Germany, is likely to be the best partner both for Britain's aerospace and electronics, but that any mergers should be done separately, that they may need more time, and that they will depend on achieving a political balance of ownership, control and management. I am sure the British do not want defence to follow manufacturing and merchant banking into foreign control.

# The jingoism stops here

## Labour has opted to take a harder pro-European line, says **Peter Riddell**



The alliance of convenience between new Labour and the sceptic press was always bogus and is now, at long last, over. The Blair Government has liberated itself over the past week to emerge in its true pro-European colours.

So far in the 1990s, the domestic debate has been framed largely in sceptic terms. Everything has been portrayed as a zero sum game with Britain on its own against the rest of the EU, and always the loser. Ministers have been forced to argue against this stereotype. Tony Blair is not blameless. He wrote a crass "I'll always battle for Britain" article for *The Sun* on the day before the paper endorsed him in March 1997.

The Blair strategy has been gradualist, avoiding confrontation with the sceptic press. The aim has been to win over the public to a more favourable view of the EU and, in time, the euro. The risk has always been that the Government would appear two-faced, talking toughly about fighting for the national interest while simultaneously engaging in the give and take inevitable in a group of 15 countries.

This approach has been challenged by the row over tax harmonisation. The 11 euro participants intend to press ahead with closer co-ordination of economic policies to make monetary union work. That has raised uncomfortable questions for Britain, which has usually pretended that a single currency need not involve closer political or economic integration. Initially, Treasury ministers mishandled the issue by dismissing absolutely the ideas of Oskar Lafontaine. That both underestimated the support Herr Lafontaine has and fed a wave of alarmist stories in the sceptic press. *The Sun* has appeared to be running its own foreign policy towards Germany: after all, Trevor Kavanagh, its political editor, has as much gravitas as Robin Cook on these matters.

The reality is mostly less worrying. There are no serious plans for a common income or corporation tax, nor for removing VAT exemptions. However, some of the proposals on limiting special tax breaks raise problems for Britain, among other countries, while the suggested withholding tax endangers the eurobond market in London.

The Government has been forced on to the defensive, to the undisguised glee of the sceptic press. Moreover, a new MORI poll for Salomon Smith Barney has shown a partial reversal of the post-election reduction in hostility to joining the euro. Consequently, last Monday, a group of senior ministers and advisers decided that the Government had to confront the sceptic press. This new line was confirmed at Thursday's Cabinet meeting and resulted in Dr Jack Cunningham's robust remarks about the sceptic media that day, and in Mr Blair's pre-summit interviews.

The new approach — reflecting the hand of Peter Mandelson, the strongly pro-European Trade and Industry Secretary — involves pointing out that a section of the British press has a gut hostility to the EU which affects its reporting. An aim is to show that Mr Blair, unlike John Major, is willing to take on the sceptics. The tone is supposed to be non-aggressive, but my hunch is that the Government will also have to develop a more active rebuttal policy against specific allegations, as Labour did ahead of the election.

**RIDDELL ON MONDAY**

Mr Blair talks, in his article on this page, of restoring "a sense of balance in the debate". That is certainly necessary, but it is not enough. Mr Blair has to be more candid about his European strategy. He has consciously turned his back on a veto strategy and sought to contrast himself with the Tories by urging constructive engagement rather than "handbagging".

Downing Street was active before the Vienna summit in agreeing joint statements with the French on defence policy, with Spain on barriers to employment, with Sweden on social exclusion and with Germany on tax, as well as in lifting the beef export ban. Moreover, on many questions Britain is closely aligned with Germany and/or France, such as on delaying the abolition of duty-free and, in particular, over freezing the size of the EU budget for several years. The main arguments over the budget, reform of the common agricultural policy and enlargement are not between Britain and the rest of the EU, but between the wealthier North and the poorer, more agricultural South. In this respect, the key development is the strong support of the new German coalition for CAP reform.

Nonetheless, the British rebate presents awkward dilemmas. It is not merely a symbol of Baroness Thatcher's "my money" legacy. Even pro-European Blairites defend the rebate, since otherwise we would pay an unfairly high contribution. This problem will remain as long as half the EU budget goes on the CAP, since this works against Britain with its small, efficient farming sector. British denials that the rebate is up for negotiation are partly a tactic to force much-needed radical changes in the CAP that would make the rebate unnecessary. Such reforms will be required as part of the changes involved in enlargement to the East, when the money that Britain receives from the structural fund will also decline. Ahead of such changes, however, the rebate is likely to stay.

The flaw in the Blair case is the single currency. The rest of the EU, particularly the 11 euro founders, will continue to be cool about Mr Blair's claims about constructive engagement as long as Britain remains outside its most important new initiative. That inevitably limits British influence, despite the hubristic talk of "winning arguments in Europe".

If the Government is now belatedly ready to tackle the sceptic press, then it has nothing to lose and much to gain from making explicit its intention to join in three or four years. It is no good relying on the launch of the euro to create an inevitable wave of support for entry. Mr Blair has to give a strong lead himself.

# Wife's wheels

SIR JOHN BIRT'S missus is provided with a runabout, courtesy of you, my dear reader. Lady Birt, the wife of the BBC's Director-General, has the use of a Range Rover, worth about £40,000 and paid for by licence-payers. The perk comes on top of Sir John's £354,000 annual salary and his chauffeur-driven Rover saloon, also provided by the Beeb. Trying to find out more about Lady B's wheels was initially difficult: three Range Rovers were parked outside chez Birt in Wandsworth yesterday. When I called Sir John's office, a flunkey initially expressed surprise that I should be inquiring about what she termed a "private matter".

But after I humbly intimated that Sir John ran a public body, she argued that such perks were normal for the heads of large organisations. (My private sector chums, however, say that provision of a car to a chief executive's wife is almost unheard of.)

This is not the first time the Birts (pictured) have been embarrassed by their financial relations with the Beeb. "Armanigate" in the early Nineties revealed that, under a confidential arrangement, Sir John had been avoiding PAYE tax by being paid as a freelance through his company, John Birt Productions. The company, in turn, paid the then plain Jane Birt £14,000 as a director and £15,000 as a secretary. How will the couple survive when Sir John steps down in 2000?



● *THE pitfalls of fame. Since he appeared in* Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels *alongside Vinnie Jones, Nick Moran has attracted the nickname of "The Moose Magnet" because he is chatted up by so many plain, over-dopey girls.*

## Unsullied

IS Ron Davies in denial? I merely ask because the would-be-Glyndwr appears to have cleared himself of any blame for his humiliation after stretching his legs so disastrously on Clapham Common in the early hours back in October.

"I will not allow the whole of my political future to be determined by a street robber," he says, during a conversation over the weekend. "I'm delighted that people understand I was the victim of a crime and that I have done nothing illegal or improper."

I feel sympathy for the poor man. After all, what have we come to when a middle-aged Cabinet minister cannot walk across a park in the dark without aspersions being cast about his motives?

● *JACKIE LAWRENCE, a Labour MP for somewhere obscure in Wales, has come up with a catty riposte to those who damn her for being an unnatural blonde. "I just wish," says the woman who arrived at Westminster only last year, "people would take as much interest in the many male MPs who try to go darker with Grecian 2000."*

## Oil slickers

THE world of Damien Hirst has finally overwhelmed that bastion of tradition, the Royal Academy Schools. Under its new keeper, Brendan Neiland, the institution is recruiting students on the strength of their talent for showmanship as much as their abilities to paint.

They will also be tutored by lawyers, art dealers and accountants, and receive seminars on how to fill in grant applications. Former students worry for the last school in the country with a firm commitment to figurative training.

"It will open the RA Schools to charlatans and exhibitionists," an erstwhile pupil says. "Traditional art training will be turned into a branch of showbusiness where a few impresarios, such as Charles Saatchi, have all the power to make or break these entertainers." As Neiland is a Professor of Art at Brighton University, it hardly comes as a surprise.

● *HARD times for the Hamiltons. I knock into the delightful Neil and Christine at a party just as they lunge in tandem for the nibbles passing on a tray: "We have to get our food where we can these days."*

## Match fixing

A TOP independent school in London is happily planning to uproot a statue of its founder to ensure that it can cash in on a £500,000 grant. St Paul's has been offered the money by an anonymous benefactor as long as the school builds a rackets court over the site of the statue of John Colet, the Tudor humanist.

The little matter of there being no rackets players at St Paul's does not appear to have dampened enthusiasm for the new facilities. Stephen Baldock, the High Master, says: "I've never played the game myself. But I've talked to people who have and they say it's an exhilarating and skilful sport." Is the benefactor seeking a perverse revenge on the school?

● *ISN'T Jonathan Pryce a gent? The actor leapt to the help of Claudia Gerini on the set of his latest film,* Commedia, *after the former model admitted she hardly spoke a word of English. "Jonathan really saved me by teaching me each day," she says. "He was such a lovely man and I learnt so much from him." How nice.*



*"Action!"*

## Holy Mary

MARY ANN EVANS, aka George Eliot, was not the godless woman of Victorian mythology. A new biography of her by Kathryn Hughes argues that despite the novelist's image as an aggressive atheist, she never stopped searching for God.

"Far from being a sudden swerve, choosing to marry in church at the end of her life was an entirely consistent step," Hughes asserts. "The woman whose name had become a byword for godlessness turned out to have been a believer all along." I shall have to reread my dog-eared copy of *Middlemarch*.



● *HILLARY CLINTON was so absorbed in the latest film of Gwyneth Paltrow (above), a romantic comedy, that she missed her flight back to Washington. During the opening speech she gave before the New York premiere of* Shakespeare in Love, *the First Lady said she would have to leave halfway through. But in the end Air Force One flew on ahead without her.*

JASPER GERARD

# IMPEACHMENT HOUR

## Clinton can still make censure an attractive alternative

Bill Clinton may have arrived in the Middle East prepared to act the statesman but when he returns to Washington the President will have little more than two days in which to persuade the House of Representatives not to pass articles of impeachment against him. The decision by the conservative House Judiciary Committee to press charges will have come as little surprise to the White House. The apparent willingness of moderate Republicans, at least at this stage, to follow that lead has, by contrast, stunned the Administration. The mid-term elections last month have not drawn a line under this issue.

Mr Clinton stands on the threshold of becoming the first President since Andrew Johnson in 1868 to be impeached by the House of Representatives. Mr Johnson survived in office when the Senate failed by a single vote to secure the two-thirds margin necessary for conviction. Mr Clinton's position in that chamber today is much more comfortable. There is no realistic prospect of his enforced departure from the Oval Office. The President's reputation and place in history are, though, linked to the final outcome of this scandal. An impeachment vote would be, as a White House aide conceded last week, the most memorable aspect of his tenure.

The President's plight would be improved if he admitted that, despite his best efforts, he had not merely failed to tell the whole truth, or offered misleading answers, but crossed the line and lied on oath about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky. As he repeated again yesterday there is no chance that he will make such a statement. This would not only increase his exposure to criminal charges in the courts but constitute a confession to an offence — perjury — that led to the impeachment of two federal judges in the 1980s. Mr Clinton's stance may seem incredible even offensive but it is set in concrete.

The more sophisticated of the President's supporters have put forward a different set of arguments. Even if Mr Clinton lied under oath, it is said, the context of a sexual liaison cannot be compared with "Treason, Bribery, or other high crimes and Misdemeanors" — the standard for impeachment set out in the American Constitution. Furthermore, the removal of an elected President is an act inevitably different in implication from that of other officials. A motion of censure, not impeachment, would therefore seem appropriate.

This is a more than respectable contention and one that deserves serious consideration. It is better than the simple assertion that the President should not be removed from office because opinion polls indicate public support for him. American law does not make any distinction between lies about sex and lies about any other subject. Any consideration about the context of such a crime rests not in the verdict but the sentence. An impeachment article cannot separate judgment and punishment. The US Constitution offers no foundation for treating Presidents differently from others who serve in public (or private) positions.

In this strict sense Congress has a choice between impeachment or no other action. There is no provision in the Constitution or American law for a motion of censure against a President. The nearest precedent relates to Andrew Jackson more than 160 years ago and that was repealed by a subsequent Congress. Mr Clinton's critics fear that censure in this instance would be meaningless. For that reason the Republican leadership is reluctant to allow even a debate on such a resolution.

That sentiment might shift if it were felt that censure could become a more significant option. This would require not only forceful language in the text itself but a more consistent display of regret from Mr Clinton. The President's contrition has often seemed to alter in scale and scope depending on political circumstances. He has never acknowledged that what he describes as his "private actions" have had profound public consequences for the presidency as an institution. If he does so now, and with compelling conviction, then Mr Clinton might yet avoid impeachment.

# IRVINE'S EMPIRE

## All senior members of the judiciary face new scrutiny

The introduction of the Human Rights Act, Lord Irvine of Lairg acknowledges in an interview with The Times today, will place the judiciary in the spotlight of public scrutiny. The intensity of that beam can already be anticipated in the controversy surrounding Lord Hoffmann's links with Amnesty, a relationship that will be tested in court by General Pinochet's lawyers tomorow. It is also reflected in the criticism that Lord Irvine has himself received for his appointments of Lord Hobhouse of Woodborough and Lord Millett as law lords. The two men have been attacked for their alleged conservatism. It has also been claimed that their careers in commercial law might be considered inappropriate in a new era of rights-based litigation.

The Lord Chancellor has rightly rounded on his critics. Lord Irvine's comments may be unprecedented but the present system of promotion by merit has merit in itself and should be defended. It was a tribute to the independence of his predecessor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, that a Conservative Lord Chancellor could appoint so many senior legal figures of a liberal disposition. Lord Irvine should also avoid promotion on the basis of partisan sympathies. His early appointments have been encouraging in this respect. He was also right to dismiss the ridiculous notion that commercial lawyers such as Lord Hobhouse and Lord Millett would somehow be incapable of impartially assessing cases concerning the civil liberties of citizens.

The Lord Chancellor may, though, be on less secure territory when he asserts that the current system can be maintained in changed circumstances. Lord Irvine does not foresee the evolution of an American-style Bench in which merit would be hostage to other, political, considerations.

It is indeed unlikely that Britain would move in the very near future in that American direction. This does not mean that present arrangements can last indefinitely. These are a mystery to anyone outside the highest level of the legal profession. There have already been calls for a judicial appointments commission to "advise" on future appointments or even a House of Commons select committee on such issues. Lord Irvine's instinctive caution about such innovations may be sound: he will find it difficult to avoid an enhanced element of transparency over matters of judicial selection.

He may also find that his own position comes within the sights of reformers. The Lord Chancellorship is an extraordinary constitutional creation. Lord Irvine sits in the Cabinet (and chairs numerous important committees), presides over the House of Lords and not only decides who serves in senior judicial posts but may himself act as a law lord. The combination of the Human Rights Act, reform of the Upper House and a programme of constitutional reform predicated at least in part on stronger checks and balances, would not seem to rest easily alongside Lord Irvine's empire. It may be Lord Irvine's destiny to be both the most powerful Lord Chancellor of modern times and the man who initiates the eventual erosion of his office.

# A BRIDGE OF HOPE

## The chance to help the victims of Hurricane Mitch

More than 55 years ago Sir Donald Bailey invented a standardised, rapidly assembled bridge that played a vital role in liberating occupied Europe. Adapting the principles of quick assembly in remote and difficult locations, a British company is today building similar bridges that have been equally vital in saving lives: whether of Bosnians whose lifeline to the outside world has been cut by fighting or of villagers in the Third World left stranded when bridges have been swept away by floods or cracked by earthquakes.

Among recent victims of such disasters are the thousands of people in Central America whose lives were devastated by Hurricane Mitch. In five terrible days storms greater than anyone could remember unleashed raging rivers of mud that buried villages, washed away approach roads and destroyed bridges. The dazed populations of Honduras and Nicaragua have now buried their dead and are receiving emergency food supplies. But their economies have been set back decades. Rebuilding the shattered infrastructure will take years.

A first vital task must be the repair of the road network — a costly and laborious business, made particularly difficult by the destruction of 98 bridges, some over deep gorges and wide rivers. Until the lorries can bring relief, farmers and peasants will have to wait for the materials to rebuild their communities. This is where Western generosity and ingenuity can help. Mabey and Johnson, a Reading-based firm that specialises in modular, prefabricated steel bridges, has the expertise for just such disasters. It is willing to assume all the site preparation and construction expenditure — a generous offer — if readers of *The Times* can raise the cost price of a bridge. Such is the design's simplicity that villagers can erect it themselves.

It is no temporary solution: these bridges are made to last up to 50 years, and can take the weight of a main battle tank. And even if a new hurricane hits them — and the chances in the Caribbean are sadly not improbable — the pieces can be salvaged and reassembled.

From early Roman times bridges have held an often religious significance. Crossing water to new lands, bridging gulfs, crevasses and other hazards has been an enduring challenge not only to developing cultures but to the finest engineers in every age. For our age, the emphasis is less on the ornamentation of bridges than on their practicality and economic impact. Nothing could have a greater impact on a country such as Honduras, laid low by an act of God, than the restoration of its bridges. Such almost mystical symbolism would be understood by our forebears. We would urge readers to join in this imaginative and humanitarian undertaking.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Animals' role in medical advances

*From Professor Michael G. Stewart*

Sir, The hunger strike by the convicted Animal Liberation Front activist, Barry Horne [letters, December 11; see also reports, December 12] obscures the most important aspect of this issue: without the use of animals in medical research many millions of patients would have died from diseases which — fortunately — medical sciences have been able to cure.

The use of animals in research has been essential for most of the important breakthroughs in the 20th century, from the discovery of insulin to research into heart disease, cancer and Alzheimer's disease. To stop the study of animals would have a disastrous effect on such areas.

The UK has the most stringent laws in the world relating to the use of animals (which is to be welcomed). Further restrictions would threaten to drive research (both academic and industrial) abroad, where laws are not as caring for the welfare of animals.

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*From Mr Cedric Hayes, JP*

Sir, Many otherwise law-abiding people are moved to tears and rage at the cruelties inflicted on laboratory animals.

Following a small donation to an animal rights group, I now have several envelopes sitting by me still waiting to be opened. I flinch from so doing, knowing the effect the images will have: they haunt me.

Notwithstanding my years of enforcing the law, I believe I could be driven to extremes, and feel cowardly for not acting.

In my view, Barry Horne and his cohorts are heroes.

Yours faithfully,
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*From Mrs Claire Fordham*

Sir, Vanora Bennett's article, "A cause with no blame" (December 9), concentrates on extremists who hope to gain a good end by bad means. However, this cause is just, and we are not all to be tarred with the same brush.

We do our cause no harm by admitting that there have been major advances in medicine where animals were used in experiments to test and perfect drugs, many of which have been of great benefit to humanity.

What are needed now are not death threats or letter bombs, but rational debate and openness from scientists and drug companies about their methods and reasons for experiments; whether they are giving proper consideration to alternative methods of research, such as tissue culture, and if they are fully aware of the difference between animal and human physiology, ignorance of which may invalidate scientific conclusions.

It ill behoves us to point the finger at those who do speak for animals, stand in the rain with placards, and even die for them.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
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*From Mr Nick Drake*

Sir, As a committed non-violent campaigner for animal rights and many other issues, I am saddened to see that the perception of "animal rights bad, human rights good" continues to be propagated through the media.

December 10 marked the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It also saw the anti-vivisection group, Uncaged, embark on an ambitious project to have fundamental animal rights placed into an international resolution by the year 2048. The Great Ape Project is currently working to extend the most vital of human rights — the right to life and the right to a life free from torture — to species such as the orang-utan and the bonobo.

It is important to acknowledge that the aims and aspirations of campaigners for animal and human rights are all directed at the same goal — the goal of living and working to improve the society in which we live. The vast majority of people working for animal rights are caring, compassionate and altruistic; like Barry Horne, they empathise with the suffering of animals and cannot rest until it ceases.

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## Sinking of the Hood and her right to rest in peace

*From Sir Ludovic Kennedy*

Sir, You claim (report, December 9; see also report December 10) that there is a riddle about the causes of the sinking of HMS Hood, and that a Mr David Mearns hopes to photograph the remains in order to find out what the causes were.

With respect, there is no such riddle. After Jutland, in which three British battlecruisers were sunk by the plunging shells of the German High Seas Fleet, it was decided that in all future construction of heavy ships their upper-deck armour should be strengthened. This also applied to *Hood* which was actually laid down before Jutland, but during the post-war economies of the Twenties, the work was shelved.

A decision to implement it was later taken, but with the rise of German rearmament in the Thirties it was thought unwise to put *Hood* out of service for the five or six months that the dockyard work would take.

*Hood's* sinking, then, was a repeat performance of Jutland — one of *Bismarck's shells from a distance of 13* miles piercing the upper deck, penetrating to the ship's vitals below the waterline where it touched off the 4-inch magazine which, in turn, touched off the 15-inch magazine, the double explosion breaking the ship in two. This was the conclusion of two Admiralty Boards of Inquiry.

Years later, when the wreck of the *Bismarck* was photographed sitting upright on the seabed three miles down (the giant painted swastikas on fo'c'sle and quarter-deck still exuding a faint air of menace), there were no protests from Germany that I can recall about disturbing the graves of war dead. Nor should there be if Mr Mearns can find the money to film the two pieces of the *Hood*.

But, as the causes of her sinking have long been established, it would seem a fairly pointless exercise.

Yours etc,
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*From Major Ned Middleton (retd)*

Sir, There is a saying in the world of scuba diving: "Take only pictures — leave only bubbles." If only we could be certain these sentiments would be applied to the final resting place of so many gallant sailors, I would give my total support to the HMS Hood Association for allowing the wreck to be photographed. Unfortunately we cannot be certain, and I fear concerns expressed may be well-founded.

Today, far too many of our war graves are being systematically plundered, in British waters and abroad, by scuba-diving souvenir hunters who believe that anything found underwater automatically becomes their property. Three years ago the *SS Thistlegorm* — a British armed merchantman sunk in the Red Sea in 1941 with the loss of five naval ratings and four Merchant Navy sailors — was regarded as the world's number one scuba-diving attraction, but not any more. Today, such is the rate of looting from this magnificent vessel that one can actually hear divers at work underwater from above the surface.

Of course, at a depth of 7,920 feet, *HMS Hood can never suffer from* such large-scale theft by amateur divers, but how long before the professionals move in? I am familiar with the way in which *HMS Hood* met her end and I would dearly like to see photographs of the ship as she is today — but that must be it. The safety of the ships of today is not dependent on discovering whether the steel that built *HMS Hood* was faulty.

Let us keep our mysteries, and in so doing let us leave those who helped to build a better world to rest in peace.

Sincerely yours,
NED MIDDLETON,
(Underwater photographer),
2 Oakdale Road,
Herne Bay, Kent CT6 6AH.
December 11.

*From Mr Mark Corby*

Sir, The *Bismarck* was not sunk by "relentless bombing and a torpedo strike from *HMS Victorious*".

In fact she was destroyed by the gunfire of *HMS Rodney* and, to a lesser extent, *HMS King George V* (Admiral Sir John Tovey, RN) and finished off by a combination of torpedo hits from *HMS Dorsetshire* and the efforts of her crew to scuttle her.

*HMS Victorious* certainly played her part, but it was the Swordfish aircraft from *HMS Ark Royal* that obtained the crucial hit that slowed the *Bismarck* down sufficiently for Tovey to catch and kill her.

Yours ever,
MARK CORBY,
38 Rollscourt Avenue, SE24 0EA.

*From Mr Nicolas Wyldbore-Smith*

Sir, Mr Mearns, deep sea explorer, says he will not go if it upsets Ted Briggs, the sole living survivor from the *Hood's* sinking in May 1941.

Surely of greater importance is whether it upsets the relatives of the 1,418 officers and men entombed in her hull. My father was the Flag Officer responsible for Signals and it would certainly upset me.

As a war grave, leave them alone.

Yours faithfully,
N. H. WYLDBORE-SMITH,
The Courtiers, Clifton Hampden,
Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 3EL.
December 10.

## Future for cheetah and its world

*From Professor Simon J. Owens*

Sir, Your championing of the cheetah, by nominating a project in the Serengeti National Park as one of your Christmas charities [leading article, December 8; see also article December 12], is certainly timely and deserves our full support because, in attempting to save the cheetah, you will help conserve and preserve the many other animals, plants and fungi that live in that fragile ecosystem in the Serengeti. Indeed, we must not forget the plant species on which all animal life depends.

However, conserving biological diversity, of which the cheetah is a part, is not an easy task in an overpopulated world and will succeed only if sustainable solutions to reversing the slide to extinction are found. Certainly eco-tourism in the Serengeti, while creating problems of its own, has helped to maintain diversity there.

Whether we approve or not, economic return is the strongest incentive for governments to conserve. *The Times* has identified the plight of the cheetah; I hope it will now join institutions in the UK and abroad to monitor the success of the campaign, perhaps on a yearly basis and, like today, just before Christmas.

Given man's past record with the tiger and the rhino, *The Times* may find that the struggle to preserve this creature, one among many on the road inexorably to extinction, is itself a lost cause.

Yours etc,
SIMON J. OWENS
(Keeper of the Herbarium),
Royal Botanic Gardens,
Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AE.
*s.owens@rbgkew.org.uk*
December 8.

## CPS defended

*From the Director of Public Prosecutions*

Sir, The report of criticisms by Mr Paul Rose, Coroner for the Southern District of Greater London (report, "CPS failing to try criminals, says coroner", December 8), is the culmination of a series of intemperate allegations directed at the CPS in the "heated correspondence" to which your report refers.

The striking feature of that correspondence is the lack of reasoned analysis by the coroner of the evidence which, he contends, should have led to criminal proceedings. In relation to the second of the cases referred to in your article, Mr Rose expressed the view in a letter to the Attorney's Office "that there are five persons involved and it is impossible for this matter to be dealt with properly at an inquest since it may be that one or more of those five persons may be guilty of manslaughter, or that there may be corporate (sic) manslaughter, or indeed that this may be an accidental death".

It would perhaps have added weight to his complaints if there had been some recognition that an adversarial system requires the prosecution to prefer a specific charge against an identifiable individual or individuals and prove it with admissible evidence. Charging everybody and letting the jury sort it out is not an option. The inquest jury in that case returned an open verdict.

We have looked very carefully at all Mr Rose has said. In three of the four cases to which your report refers, the final decision by the CPS was taken after obtaining advice from Treasury Counsel. In each case that advice firmly supported the eventual decision. In one of these cases that course was taken in response to the concerns of the coroner.

As Mr Rose knows, the function of a coroner's inquest is restricted to deciding who the deceased was, and when, where and how he or she died. Parliament, for good reason, has removed the power of an inquest to deal with questions of civil or criminal liability. Mr Rose should leave such matters to those who are legally responsible for them.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID CALVERT-SMITH,
Director of Public Prosecutions,
Crown Prosecution Service,
50 Ludgate Hill, EC4M 7EX.
December 9.

## Price of publishing

*From Mr R. W. Breach*

Sir, I recently published, at my own expense, a history of this small Dorset parish, Melbury Abbas.

Scarcely had I paid the printer's bill than a demand for six copies arrived: the British Library, the Libraries of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, the Library of Trinity College Dublin and two National Libraries, of Scotland and of Wales, all wanted a copy. No payment was offered either for the book or for the postage.

The majesty of the law, enshrined in the Copyright Act of 1911, backed up this iniquitous and arbitrary assault on my property.

What, pray, are the librarians of these august collections going to do with my parochial history?

Yours faithfully,
R. W. BREACH,
Ivy Paddock,
Melbury Abbas,
Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 0DW.
December 10.

## Millennium books

*From the Secretary of Poems on the Underground*

Sir, I agree that Tyndale's Bible should be commemorated in millennium celebrations (letter, December 10), and would add other early treasures of English literature, such as the Old English riddles preserved in the *Exeter Book*, and the British Library copy of *Beowulf*, both dated c 1000.

We plan to offer extracts from these and other works (with newly commissioned translations where appropriate) to two million daily Tube travellers in our expanded programme, "1,000 Years of Poetry in English", beginning in June 1999 and continuing at intervals through the year 2000.

We welcome suggestions from the public.

Yours sincerely,
JUDITH CHERNAIK,
Secretary,
Poems on the Underground,
124 Mansfield Road, NW3 2JB.
December 11.

## Cost of Christmas

*From Mr Neil Murray*

Sir, My younger brother is indeed correct when he recalls how in our household Christmas wrapping paper was saved and re-used from year to year (letter, December 2).

What he omits to mention was the chaos this caused when one received a gift bearing the legend "To Alex from Neil", or "From Mum to Alex", or "From Dad to Gilly", or half a dozen similar dedications, not all of which had been crossed out.

I vividly remember, at the age of eight or thereabouts, opening one such relabelled Christmas present, to be confronted by a packet of pipe cleaners (supposedly destined for Father).

Yours faithfully,
NEIL MURRAY,
6 Meadow Road,
Sutton, Surrey SM1 4NF.
*neil.annemurray@btinternet.com*
December 2.

*From Major-General J. P. Crowdy*

Sir, At our Christmases in the late Twenties it was the custom of a much loved, but very frugal, maiden aunt to circulate among the large family gathering, at the hour when presents were being given and received, to enjoin us all not only to fold the wrapping paper tidily for next year, but also to tie up the string (long before the days when Sellotape ruined everything) in neat bundles and — most important of all — to make sure that all labels were handed back to the donors ready for re-use.

My brother and I, as two small boys, were not always as observant of this practice as we should have been, but we were undoubtedly swayed towards compliance because the aunt in question, despite her frugality, was notably generous and if we did well we sometimes got 5/- (25p) — a windfall of riches in those far-off days.

Yours faithfully,
JOE CROWDY,
Pepperdon Mine,
Lustleigh,
Newton Abbot, Devon TQ13 9SN.
December 9.

*From Mrs Kate Wilson*

Sir, I can reassure Mr Murray that good value can still be achieved at under £42 per present. My daughter, when aged six in 1994, was able to undertake all her Christmas shopping with her £1 coin.

She bought ballpoint pens for her father (21p), a bath oil for me (17p) and a plastic toy for her brother (26p). She was delighted, as this left her 36p "to get something really good for myself".

You can't say fairer than that.

Yours faithfully,
KATE WILSON,
5 Avenue Kléber,
78110 Le Vesinet, France.
December 7.

*From Mrs Christine Edgar*

Sir, A cherished memory for me is hearing my two eldest sons exhorting their younger brother "to buy Mum and Dad a proper present, not a *Blue Peter* one!"

Ah, but I still have the *Blue Peter* ones.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTINE EDGAR,
Bromlei,
Forward Green,
Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5EU.
December 5.

# COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 12: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening attended *The Royal Exchange Theatre Company's Royal Gala Opening*, followed by a performance of "Hindle Wakes" at the Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square, Manchester, and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester (*Colonel John Timmins*).

*Lieutenant Colonel Sean* O'Dwyer was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 13: The Duke of *Kent, President, The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund*, this afternoon attended a Carol Service at St Clement Danes Church, The Strand, London.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK
December 13: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this evening attended *the Crisis Carol Service* at Southwark Cathedral, London.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Nostradamus (Michel de Notredame), astrologer, Saint-Remy, 1503; King George VI, reigned 1936-52, York Cottage, Sandringham, 1895.

DEATHS: Sir John Oldcastle, alleged heretic, "hung and burnt hanging", London, 1417; King James V of Scotland, reigned 1513-42, Falkland, Fife, 1542; Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, composer, Hamburg, 1788; George Washington, *1st American President* 1789-97, Washington, 1799; Albert, Prince Consort, Windsor Castle, 1861; Stanley Baldwin, 1st Earl Baldwin of Bewdley, Prime Minister 1923-24, 1924-29 and 1935-37, Astley, Lancashire, 1947; Will Fyfe, character comedian, St Andrews, 1947; Sir Stanley Spencer, painter, Taplow, Buckinghamshire, 1959.

Professor Max Planck, revealed his quantum theory, 1901.

*Roald Amundsen* reached the South Pole, 1911.

## 4 King's Bench Walk

The Chambers of *Nicholas Jarman*, QC, held a dinner on Saturday at The Ivy, London WC2. Judge Slack was the guest of honour.

## Press Complaints Commission

Mr Paul Dacre, Editor of *The Daily Mail*, has been appointed a member of the Press Complaints Commission.

## Josca's School

Mr Christopher Davies has been appointed Headmaster of Josca's School, in succession to Mr Antony Savin who will be retiring in the *summer of 1999 after thirty-six* years of distinguished service. Mr Davies is at present a housemaster at Highgate School. Josca's School has merged with Abingdon School *to form a new* Foundation for the education of boys aged 4 to 18 years.

## Today's royal engagements

*The Duke of Edinburgh* will visit Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire at 12.30; and will visit Collingwood College, Kingston Road, Camberley, Surrey, at 2.30.

*The Princess Royal*, patron, Northern Lighthouse Board, will attend a management committee meeting at *84 George Street, Edinburgh*, at 10.50; and, as patron, Sports Writers Association of Great Britain, will attend their golden jubilee ball at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 6.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester, patron, RSAS AgeCare, will present the RSAS AgeCare and Alzheimer's Disease Society Dementia care *training award 1998 at Drapers'* Hall at 6.20.

The Duke of Kent, as president, will visit Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire, at 11.30.

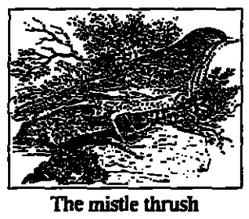
*Princess Alexandra, patron, will* attend a carol concert in aid of Home-Start UK at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SW1, at 6.

## Birthdays today

Captain the Hon Sir Nicholas Beaumont, 69; General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick, 86; the Right Rev J.B.R. Grindrod, former Archbishop of Brisbane and Primate of Australia, 79; Sir Anthony Kershaw, *former MP*, 83; Miss Barbara Leigh-Hunt, actress, 63; Sir Malcolm McIntosh, civil servant, 53; Mr C.R. Morris, former MP, 72; Sir John Osborn, former MP, 76; Mr Michael Owen, footballer, 19; Dame Ruth Railton, founder, National Youth Orchestra, 83; *Mr Stan Smith, former tennis* player, 52; Sir Simon Towneley, former Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire, 77; Miss Rosalyn Tureck, conductor, 84.

# Nature notes

A few thrushes are singing on mild mornings, staking a claim in advance to a nesting territory for next spring. Mistle thrushes have a wild, swirling song, usually delivered from the highest branch of a tree. Song thrushes take a slightly lower perch, and have a song of clear, repeated notes, interspersed with more formalist snatches. Great tits are also beginning to sing again. Sparrow hawks are hunting through the woods and up and down the hedges. Winter suits them, since they can see small birds more easily on the bare twigs, and in hard weather their prey may be weaker and slower to get away. Around the coast there are a number of glaucous gulls, which are large, ivory birds that breed in the Arctic. They may have



The mistle thrush

followed Atlantic fishing boats down to Britain. On sycamore trees, many of the winged seeds still cling to the branches, most of them now broken and ragged. The long, orange-brown seeds, or keys, hanging on the ash trees are in better *condition and may not fall* until next summer. On roadside verges, dandelion, yarrow and white dead-nettle can still be found in flower. DJM

CLIVE POSTLETHWAITE



Michael Heseltine's daughter Annabel and Peter Butler, a surgeon, having their wedding blessed at Thenford church, Northamptonshire, on Saturday. The couple, both 35, married last month at a register office in Chelsea

# The Sovereign's Parade

The Prince of Wales represented the Queen at The Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on December 11.

The following have been granted commissions in the regiments and corps shown, having successfully completed Commissioning Course no 98I. The Sword of Honour was won by Junior Under Officer A.R. Bird and The Queen's Medal was won by Officer Cadet P.R. Beaves:

C A Ackroyd, REME, Brigshaw HS, Leeds; D R Allen, PWRR, Wimbledon College; J B Anderson, AAC, Gordonstoun School; G J A Angella, Hldrs, Grantown GS; M R Arnold, REME, Welbeck College; C A Ather, AGC (PRO), Durham School; B Aumonier, RLC, Haberdashers' Aske's School; M R Baker, AGC (ETS), The Clere School, Newbury; N P Baker, PWO, Batley GS; G M Barry, Kings, Kings School, Macclesfield; P R A Batchelor, RA, Felsted School; M J Beaman, D and D, Braunton School, *Braunton; P Beaumont*, RA, Leek HS; P R Beaves, RTR, Bourne GS; A J Bell, RLC, Harrogate GS; A R Bird, AAC, Dean Close School; L M Bolton, RA, Glenalmond College; M T Booker, R Signals, Culford School; C W Boswell, D and D, *Grannaskolan School*, Sweden; S E Botham, Staffords, Pangbourne College; J C Bracey, RE, Bedford Modern School; C J Brass, RAMC, Driffield School; T D Brett, Int Corps, Repton School; J L Brown, RLC, *Hipperholme GS, Halifax*; N J L Brown, RHF, Glasgow Academy; E J Bruce, REME, Grosvenor School, Belfast; D M Buckley, RA, Amsterdam International School; L K Bulley, AGC (Pro), Fowey School.

M J Canham, RE, Kings School, Gutersloh; S D Cargill, RLC, Arbroath HS; J D Cathey, 9/12 L, Newcastle RGS; J W Catto, RA, Bryanston School; I G Chapman, RLC, Broughton HS; S M Chapman, RE, Olchfa CS, Swansea; G J P Chilsholm, RLC, *Bedford School*; R A H Clarke, RLC, Cardinal Pole School, London; C T Colbeck, LD, Wellington College; J G P Concannon, AGC (SPS), Marr College; S G Cooke, RLC, Welbeck College; O T B Courage, R Signals, St Bartholomew's School, Newbury; S J D Covey-Crump, R Signals, Pates GS; C Cowan, RLC, Bedgebury School; W B P Cramer, D and D, Stonyhurst College; B D F Crookes, RA, Chislehurst & Sidcup GS.; V R T Crow, R Irish, Carter HS, Pietermaritzburg; R T Cuthill, AAC, Bryanston School; S M Davies, D and D, Thornlow School, Weymouth; P M J Dewhurst, SG, Salesian College, Farnborough; J F F Diamond, RA, Bloxham School; J G A *Dove-Dixon, REME, Castle School*, Taunton; R A Dunlop, AAC, St George's School, Vancouver; S J W Dyson, R Irish (HSFT), Malvern Coll.

W L Eden, RGBWR, Pates GS; C J Elsegood, RE, Guiseley School, Leeds; D H Eriksen, AAC, Newcastle RGS; J D Evennett, LI, Exeter School; *N L Fairweather, Int Corps, Ipswich* School; J V Fallon, AGC (SPS), Maricourt HS, Liverpool; T J Featherstone, RE, Kent Coll, Tunbridge Wells; C H Fisher, RGJ, Marlborough Coll; J R C Fisher, RTR, Kings School, *Bruton*; J J Flen, REME, *Brechin HS, Brechin*; S M Ford, AGC (SPS), Brunts Upper School, Mansfield; A A Garrow, RE, St Paul's School; J R H Gayner, RGJ, Radley College; C Gent, RA, Welbeck Coll; J M Gilhespy, RTR, Shaftesbury School; C R P Ginn, WFR, Malvern Coll; A M Godfrey, RWF, Lycée Canadien en France; D C Graves, KORBR, Welbeck Coll; P E K Greening, R Irish (HSFT), Omagh Academy; B N A Grey, KRH, Wellington Coll.

J M Hanlon, Scots DG, Dean Close School; D A Haslewood, R Signals, Welbeck Coll; R L Hayes, RLC, Millfield School; G A Haywood, RLC, Torquay Boys GS; A D Heap, RLC, Olchfa CS, Swansea; L P Hendry, RLC, St Edmund's School; A P Henning, AGC (ETS), Bangor GS; K A Heppinstall, RLC, John Bramston School, Witham; M J Hilton, RLC, Dame Allan's School, Newcastle; J Hoban, RLC, St Bede's RC CS, Durham; M J G Hodge, RA, Bromsgrove School; C M Holdstock, REME, Lincoln Christ's Hospital; M B Horn, REME, Welbeck Coll; B S Horne, QRL, Princethorpe Coll, Rugby; A J Howell, RA, Whitley Bay HS; D K Hunter, RE, Queen Victoria School, Dunblane; R G S Janes, WG, Haileybury College; A L S Jones, REME, Stamford School; S I Jones, RE, Budmouth School, Weymouth; S N Kemp, RLC, Lochgilphead HS; C Kerr-Nagy, Para, London Oratory School; G J Kerr, RE, Gordonstoun School; D B G Kinsella-Bevan, RGR, Sherborne School.

A C Laing, Para, Fettes Coll; R A Lawes, RE, Welbeck Coll; A J Lawson, R Signals, Cults Academy, Aberdeen; N J Lilley, AAC, The Woodlands School; E A Lindsay, AGC (PRO), Bradford GS; A R Loudon, RLC, Trinity School, Northampton; R S Lucas, Scots DG, Rugby School; C Luddington, RE, Bedford Modern School; *J A Lyons, R Signals, All Saints' School*, Sheffield; W N Mace, SG, Latymer Upper School; I H MacNeil, RA, Queen Victoria School, Dunblane; G H Malec, RA, St Edward's School, Oxford; A T Martin, QRL, King's School, Canterbury; *J I D M Matheson*, AAC, Abingdon School; A H Mathias, RLC, Birkenhead School; J N Mayne, R Signals, Wells Cathedral School; M S McClellan, QRB, Rugby School; M U Melhorn, R Irish (HSFT), Bishop Wordsworth's School; N J M Melson, QRL, Forest School; A H L Michael, KRH, Stowe School; R G Millbank, RE, Welbeck College; T J Miller, RTR, Welbeck College; A P Milne, AAC, Plymouth College; S P Morgan, *Para, Waltham Toll Bar School*; M J Mudd, QRL, Uppingham School; C Mullin, Int Corps, Belmont Academy, Ayr.

A W Newby Grant, Para, The Leys School; L A H Nicholson, AAC, Godolphin School; J D Noble, R Signals, Heles School, *Plymouth*; T A L Olsen, IG, Sherborne School; R C A Osborne, QLR, Westfield CS, Yeovil; R J Palfrey, DWR, Wellington School; J G K Palmer, RA, Churchers College; H J Parsons, AGC (SPS), The Castle School, Taunton; P J Paxton, RGBWR, Forest Boys School, Wokingham; M R R Penney, RA, Reeds School; J S Penigrew, RGR, Downside School; S J Press, Cheshire, Bishop of Hereford School; K M Price, DWR, Watershed College, *Zimbabwe*; *S E J Price* RA, Ballyclare GS; A C Punter, RLC, Welbeck College; T P Rawlinson, WFR, Old Swinford Hospital School; E J W Rea, R Irish, Cambell College, Belfast; D Reeve, AGC (ETS), Falmouth School; B L Richardson, RA, Crypt GS, Gloucester; O F Richardson, RA, Sherborne School; I G Rodger, R Signals, Roundwood School, Harpenden.

J W Scott Kerr, IG, Lancing College; J E Seaman, QLR, St George's School, Harpenden; K A Selley, RE, *Queen Anne HS, Dunfermline*; B D E Sheppard, RE, Chichester HS; R C Simpson, QRH, Kingston GS; G P Smith, R Irish (HSFT), Bangor GS; M J E Smith, RE, Bayside CS, Gibraltar; T L Smith, RLC, Sir Thomas Picton School; J L Solosy, RRW, Campion School, Hornchurch; M A Southern, R Signals, Dame Allan School; A J Sparkes, RLC, Brimsham Green School; D P Spencer, R Signals, Welbeck College; S N J Stacey, Gren Gds, Wellington College; T G Steel, RE, Bedford School; A F L Steele, A and SH, Dollar Academy; J G E Stenhouse, QDG, Radley College; A C Stirling, AAC, St Boniface's College, Plymouth; L Sutton, AAC, Lycée Franco Belge, Brussels; A K Sweeney, QLR, Hermitage Academy, Helensburgh; D M H Sweny, PWR, King's School, Canterbury.

K D Taaffe, RRW, Hardenhuish School, Chippenham; A J Tarlton, AGC (SPS), Queen Elizabeth GS, Ashbourne; M J Taylor, RAMC, Arbroath HS; H J Thomson, AGC (SPS), Outwood Grange School; W M Tosh, AGC (ETS), Wellington School; A A R Townend, PWO, The Grange School, Bradford; R W Travers, R Irish (HSFT), Auchenharvie School, Stevenston; I A J Turner, IG, Eton College; E A Utting, RE, Chase Terrace HS, Lichfield; P J Waddell, *R Signals, Duke of York's RMS*; D H D Walker, Coldm Gds, Wellington College; O C Wanklyn, LI, Shrewsbury School; C T J Wasilewski, RE, Wellington School; M C M Webb, RA, The Skinners' School, Tunbridge; J *D Webster, RE, Haydon School*; J R West, RE, Dean Close School; E A H Whishaw, RE, Pates GS, Cheltenham; K M Wilden, AGC (ETS), St John Rigby School; A M Williams, RE, St Mungo's HS, Falkirk; R T Williams, Scots DG, *Glenalmond College*; P N Woolley, AGC (SPS), Wells Cathedral School; D C Wright, Para, Nottingham HS; K A Wyer, RA, Dean Close School; A C Youlten, RA, Mount St Mary's Coll.

The following overseas cadets also passed out with a view to being commissioned in the Armed Forces of their countries.

The winner of the Overseas Cane was Officer Cadet Franta — Czech Republic.

BAHRAIN: Sheikh Naif Ibrahim Jaber Al Khalifa, Sheikh Nasser Khalid Al Khalifa, *Rashid Salem Bashir Al Suwaidi*.
BARBADOS: Cedric Stanfield Proverbs.
BOTSWANA: Tshose Peter Matswe.
CZECH REPUBLIC: David Franta.
FIJI: Viliame Loukie Finemateaki, Joeli Vularua *Anthony Pickering*.
JAMAICA: Carlington O'Bryan Brissett, Kevin Fernando Williams.
JORDAN: Said Hassan Riyad Al Mufleh.
KUWAIT: Sheikh Faisal Abdullah Al Sabah, *Khalid Abdul-Mohsen Al Adwani, Mohammed* Falah Al Ajmi.
MALTA: Joseph Pisani.
OMAN: Salem Rashid Mohammed Al Mamairi.
*PAKISTAN: Muhammed Jamil Afridi*.
QATAR: Fahad Mohammed Al Attiya, Mishlesh Rasid Al Kameet Al Hajiri.
SEYCHELLES: Jimmy Theressine.
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: Jozette Nisha Joseph, *Ashook Singh*.
UAE: Mohammed Ali Al Ketbi.
ZIMBABWE: William Makwara.

# Marriages

**Mr X. Rivoire and Miss D. Cornelius**
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, of Mr Xavier Rivoire, elder son of M and Mme Michel Rivoire, of Lyon, France, to Miss Deborah Cornelius, elder daughter of Mr George Cornelius, of Broughton Astley, Leicestershire, and of Lady Marshall, of Slindon, West Sussex, and stepdaughter of Mrs George Cornelius and Sir Michael Marshall. The Very Rev John Treadgold, Dean of Chichester, officiated, assisted by Père Perrot of Lyon.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. M Benjamin Rivoire was best man.

A reception was held at the House of Lords, by courtesy of Baroness Knight of Collingtree, and the honeymoon is being spent in Venice.

**Mr G.F. Ruddell and Miss C.S.E. Rimer**
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, of Mr Geoffrey Ruddell, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Ruddell, of Ruddington, Nottinghamshire, to Miss Catherine Rimer, only daughter of Sir Colin and Lady Rimer, of Beckenham, Kent. The Rev Dr Martin Dudley and the Rev Dr David Pym, godfather of the bridegroom, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Dr Claire Thorne and Dr Hilary Barsey. Mr Andrew Anstey was best man.

A reception was held in the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

**Captain G.E. Bennett and Miss H.M.E. Johns**
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Clement Danes, Strand, London, of Captain Guy Bennett, son of Mr and Mrs Harry Bennett, of Saddleworth, Greater Manchester, to Miss Harriet Johns, younger daughter of Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard and Lady Johns, of Princes Gate, London. The Ven Robin Turner and the Rev David Mackenzie officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Rebecca Talbot Rice, Miss Sophie Clowes, Miss Sarah Brereton, Miss Victoria Millar and Miss Annabel Deuchar. Major Michael Turner was best man.

A reception was held at Seaford House, Belgrave Square, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

**Conte P. Pietromarchi and Miss E.J. Pike**
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Bentley, Hampshire, of Conte Pietro Pietromarchi, elder son of L'Ambasciatore ad Atene Conte Enrico Pietromarchi and ND Contessa Loredana Pietromarchi Marcello Del Majno, to Miss Emma Pike, younger daughter of Lieutenant-General Sir Hew and Lady Pike of Bentley. The Ven Graham Roblin and the Rev James M. Campbell officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Eliza Masterton, Sophie Masterton, Rosa Mayfield and Jack Contro. Mr Andrea Pietromarchi was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

**Mr R. Capper and Mrs J. Short**
The marriage took place in Glasgow, on December 1, 1998, of Mr Richard Capper and Mrs Joan Short.

**Mr K.N. Miles and Mrs B. Jolowicz**
The marriage took place quietly in Perthshire on Saturday, December 12, of Mrs Beth (Beryl) Jolowicz and Mr Kenneth Miles.

The bride was given in marriage by her son Mr Kingsley Jolowicz. Mr Jonathan de Jager was best man to his grandfather.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr G.A. Bannon and Miss H.E. Brown**
The engagement is announced between Gerard, son of Mr and Mrs Sean Bannon, of Cork, and Helen, daughter of Mr Peter Brown and the late Mrs Gillian Brown, of Chipstead, Surrey.

**Mr W.A.M. Glassey and Miss L.C. Norton**
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Glassey, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Lucinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicolas Norton, of Hampstead, London.

**Mr S.W. O'Loughlin and Miss L.A. Alexander**
The engagement is announced between Seamus William, son of Mr and Mrs Francis O'Loughlin, of Heronsgate, Hertfordshire, and Louise Athena, daughter of Mr George Alexander, of Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex.

**Mr A.B. Jay and Miss C.M. Furmann**
The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Jay, of Chelsea, and Christine, youngest daughter of M and Mme Jean Furmann, of Lille, France.

**Mr A.D. Pugh and Miss R.L. Whyte**
The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Colonel Oliver Pugh, of East Horsley, Surrey, and of the late Mrs Ann Pugh, and Rowan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Whyte, of Horley, Surrey.

**Mr W.D. Wiggin and Miss C.J. Chilvers**
The engagement is announced between Bill, eldest son of Sir Jerry Wiggin, of Axbridge, Somerset, and Mrs Timothy Dale-Harris, of St Peter Port, Guernsey, and Camilla, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Chilvers, of Brightwell Baldwin, Oxfordshire.

# Church news

## Appointments

Canon Paul Atkins, Rector, Aylmerton w Runton, and Priest-in-Charge, Beeston Regis and Gresham (Norwich): to be also Diocesan Chaplain, Mothers' Union (same diocese).

The Rev Victor Bullock, Curate, Reading St Giles (Oxford): to be Vicar, Fenny Stratford St Martin (same diocese).

The Rev Sandra Ceely, Assistant Curate, Great and Little Driffield (York): has been appointed Assistant Curate, South Cave and Elleker w Broomfleet (same diocese).

The Rev Daniel Connolly, Rector, Sutton Coldfield Holy Trinity (Birmingham): to be Vicar, Reigate St Mary Magdalene (Southwark).

The Rev David Evans, Rector, Somersham w Pidley and Oldhurst (Ely): to be Rector, Hilgay and Southery (same diocese).

The Rev David Eyles, Rector, Middleham w Coverdale and East Witton, and Priest-in-Charge, Thornton Watlass w Thornton Steward (Ripon): to be also Assistant Rural Dean of Wensley.

The Rev Janet Fuiljames, Curate, Smethwick Resurrection (Birmingham): to be Priest-in-Charge, Dudley St John Kate's Hill and Dudley St Thomas and St Luke (Worcester).

The Rev Anna-Lisa Garvie, NSM Curate, Caddington (St Albans): has been appointed Chaplain, Chelsea and Westminster Healthcare NHS Trust (London).

The Rev Rick Gates, Vicar, Norton (Chester): has been appointed Vicar, Bunbury and Tilstone Fearnall (same diocese).

The Rev Jeanette Gosney, Assistant Chaplain, Loughborough University and Colleges (Leicester): to be Senior Chaplain, Loughborough University and Colleges (same diocese).


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## BIRTHS

ADOLPH - On November 23rd to Joanna (née Mortimore) and Manny, a daughter, Valentina Hebe.

CLARK - On December 10th at home in Devon, to Motilda (Bathurst) and Charles, a son.

LONGMORE - On December 8th to Emma (née Samuel) and Richard a daughter, Eleanor.

SIMMONS-DION - On December 8th in Montreal, to Emma and Bernard, a son, James Frédéric, a brother for Samuel and Victoria.

TAYLOR Joyce and Joe announce the birth of *granddaughter, Anna*, to Mark and Helen (née Blanchard). Thanks to *Lincoln County Hospital*.

WHEATMAN - On 10th December, in Hong Kong, to Henrietta (née Peterson) and Charles, a daughter, *Holly Rose*, a sister for Hugo and Bella

## DEATHS

BALL - Robert George, died suddenly on December 10th aged 69. Dearest husband of Deborah and much loved by all his family. Private cremation Service of remembrance to be held at a later date. Donations if wished to The Childrens Trust, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5RU.

## DEATHS

ETHERINGTON-SMITH - Juliet. Much loved, died on December 11th in Brussells. Mother to Giles and Stephannie, daughter to Nina and sister to Nicholas. Juliet will be greatly missed.

FRASER - Arthur aged 93, loving husband of the late *Phyllis* peacefully at home in Highgate, London on December the 9th. Adored father of Elizabeth, Jean and the late Graham; he was devoted to his grandchildren and Great grandchildren and loved by many friends. Private cremation by his own wish

HOTTENROTH-ROFFEY - Hilary Claire, died tragically on Saturday 5th December in Orleans, France, aged 46 years. Loving mother and wife to Oliver and Christopher and beloved daughter of Col. D.B. Long MC and Mrs Long. Funeral expected to be at 2.00pm, Thursday 17th December 1998, at the Parish Church of St. Peter, Lodsworth, West Sussex. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Information: Edward White & Son, Chichester (01243) 782136.

HUTCHINSON - On December 3rd, 1998, *suddenly at home in* Bishopstone, Mabel, aged 79 years. Funeral Service will be held at Eastbourne Crematorium, Main Chapel, on Thursday 17th at 12.15pm. *Donations for* Rayatede Animal Centre, may be sent to Haines and Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne, Sussex.

LEVER - On December 11th 1998, peacefully at her home Lakelands, Rivington, Bolton. Elizabeth Lever the loving and beloved wife of Michael Lever and devoted mother of Giles and James. Funeral private, invited friends please assemble at Overdale Crematorium, West Chapel, Bolton, Wednesday 16th December 3.30pm or at Lakelands at 3pm. A memorial service to this very brave and stylish woman will take place at Rivington Parish Church on Friday January 8th 1999 at 4pm to which all her friends will be greatly welcome. Enquiries and floral tributes to the Livesey Funeral Service, Church Street Horwich, telephone *01204 696311*

LUCKING - On December 9th 1998, Philip Charles, dearly loved husband, *father and grandfather*.

STEPHENSON - Patricia, Peacefully at Shotley Hall. Beloved wife of Paddy, mother of Shane and Shelagh, mother-in-law of Alex and Andrew, grandmother of David, Nicola, Samantha and Torquhil. Funeral on 15th December 1998, at 11.00am, Minsteracres Monastery, followed by private cremation. No flowers, by request, but donations, if desired, to Minsteracres Monastery, Northumberland.

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## OBITUARIES

# LORD GRADE

**Lord Grade, film and television producer, died yesterday aged 91. He was born on December 25, 1906.**



*Grade: from a poor Russian immigrant family in London's East End, he rose to become the epitome of the showbusiness tycoon*

For almost half a century Lew Grade was one of the most colourful and influential figures in British popular entertainment. The eldest of three sons of a Russian Jewish family who emigrated to Britain before the First World War, he started in showbusiness as a dancer, built up the biggest theatrical agency in the country, became probably the most powerful voice in commercial television; and, long after lesser men might have retired, took up a new career as a film producer.

His philosophy was the simple one of giving people what they liked. "I know what the public want because I am one of them," he once said. "I am just an ordinary man with ordinary tastes." He looked to the traditional family audience and deplored the increasing prevalence in film and television of sex, violence and bad language. His shows might be criticised as intellectually undemanding, but he insisted that his job was to entertain and not to preach. His instinct for what made a hit show was rarely wrong.

He was the epitome of the larger-than-life showbusiness tycoon, a short, round, ebullient man who smoked huge cigars and talked in superlatives. Like the American film producer Sam Goldwyn, he was the source of countless anecdotes and sayings. Corrected by an aide for attributing Ibsen's play *The Master Builder* to Shakespeare, he is said to have retorted: "Well, it's all costume, isn't it?" And he was once quoted as dismissing a television arts programme with the words: "That must be culture; it certainly isn't entertainment." Such stories were sometimes apocryphal, no doubt, but Grade — like Goldwyn — seemed to relish his reputation as an unashamed philistine, and saw no great need to set the record straight.

He was very much a hands-on entrepreneur, renowned for his ability to take a quick decision and see it through. He had virtually no interests apart from his work and his family, and never took holidays. When he started his agency, he decided to get up at five in the morning to cram more hours into the working day, and the habit stayed with him. He was usually at his office desk by seven, and would spend his evenings making business calls from home.

He was born Louis Winogradsky in the Ukrainian town of Tokmak. His father was an actor and cinema owner and his mother, who lived into her nineties, was also on the stage before her marriage. In 1912 the family left Russia and settled in the East End of London. Lew attended Rochelle Street School in Shoreditch but left at 14 to help his father in the local garment industry.

To escape the rag-trade drudgery of pressing trousers at 12 shillings a week, he learnt the Charleston, the dance craze that swept Britain in the early 1920s. He was good enough to win a competition at the Albert Hall organised by the impresario C.B. Cochran. On the strength of this he billed himself as the "World Champion Charleston Dancer", and for the next ten years he made his living as a dancing professional.

Appearing on variety bills, he often found himself spotting talent and recommending acts to agents. Eventually, he decided to become an agent himself, going into partnership first with Joe Collins, the father of the actress Joan and the novelist Jackie. In 1943 he started a new agency with his brother Leslie, and the combination of Lew's flair for gauging public taste and Leslie's shrewd financial brain helped to make it the biggest in the country. The Grades were responsible for bringing to Britain such American stars as Bob Hope and Jack Benny, and as the business flourished they expanded into theatres and cinemas.

The arrival of commercial television in 1955 presented a fresh challenge. Lew Grade decided to take a £5,000 stake in the Birmingham-based company Associated Television (ATV). At the time he had no thought of giving up his agency, but ATV got off to a shaky start, and he decided his interests would be better served if he joined the company full-time as deputy to the managing director, Val Parnell.

It was through television that he made his public reputation, and for some two decades he was one of the most powerful men in the medium. He succeeded Parnell as head of ATV in 1962 and, with Leslie still running Britain's biggest agency, and the third Grade brother — Bernard (later Lord Delfont) — established as the leading West End theatre impresario, the family exercised a remarkable grip on British showbusiness. It was the classic rags-to-riches story, though the concentration of power — dubbed the "Gradopoly" — was not without its critics. (The family influence was to be maintained by the next generation, too, with Leslie's son Michael progressing through the upper reaches of London Weekend Television and the BBC to become chief executive of Channel 4.)

At ATV the characteristic Grade fare included adventure series such as *The Persuaders* and *The Saint*, the soap opera *Crossroads*, and variety spectaculars such as *Sunday Night at the London Palladium*. Such programmes might have been dismissed as low-brow pap by some critics, but they were efficiently made, and they found a ready audience, not only in Britain but in the United States and other foreign markets where they earned ATV more than £100 million.

Grade's brilliant salesmanship won ATV two Queen's Awards for export; and it was for services to export that he was knighted in 1969. "I have sold everything we produce," he remarked, "except for the weather forecast and the Epilogue."

Grade was later responsible for setting up lavish television biographies of *Moses*, with Charlton Heston, and *Jesus of Nazareth*, being quick to point out that the latter was another Jewish boy whose birthday he was privileged to share. And, as if to disarm his highbrow critics, he brought to the small screen several productions by the National Theatre and Royal Shakespeare Company.

During the 1970s, with the American networks less inclined to buy foreign television programmes, Grade turned increasingly to international film production. Optimistic as ever, he set up a US distribution company and announced an ambitious programme of films. But apart from *The Return of the Pink Panther* and a big-screen version of his great television hit *The Muppets*, few were hugely successful; by modern Hollywood standards, Grade's taste now seemed old-fashioned. A $35 million blockbuster, *Raise the Titanic*, was a box-office disaster. "It would have been cheaper to lower the Atlantic," Grade observed.

Though forced to retrench, he was cheerfully unrepentant. A happier film venture was *On Golden Pond*, which proved internationally popular and won Oscars for its veteran stars, Katherine Hepburn and (in his last film role) Henry Fonda. Grade also backed *Sophie's Choice*, which produced an Oscar-winning performance from Meryl Streep.

Boardroom upheavals at his Associated Communications Corporation in 1981 seemed not to have weakened significantly Grade's hold on an entertainment empire which included not only ATV and Elstree film studios but Pye Records, the Beatles' song company, eight London theatres and the Classic Cinema chain. But in the following year control of ACC passed to the Australian entrepreneur Robert Holmes à Court, and amid some bitterness Grade was eased out.

He insisted, however, that he had no thought of retiring before the year 2000, and promptly joined the American film and television group Embassy. In 1985 he set up a new venture, The Grade Company.

Grade was created a life peer in Harold Wilson's Resignation Honours List in 1976. His boisterous and good-humoured autobiography *Still Dancing* appeared in 1987. As well as a record of his business career, it was an affectionate tribute to his wife, the former singer Kathleen Moody, whom he married in 1942. She survives him with their son, Paul, who followed him into the family business.

# MICHAEL HARMER

**Michael Harmer, FRCS, surgeon, died on November 11 aged 86. He was born on July 6, 1912.**



*Harmer: surgeon, mountaineer and enthusiastic campaigner*

JUST over two years ago, Michael Harmer saw the unveiling of a plaque in the Beloselsky-Belozorsky Palace in St Petersburg, where the Anglo-Russian Hospital was established in 1915. This enterprise was a gesture of sympathy from the British who, unable to provide military support for the Russian Army on the Eastern Front, set up the hospital by private subscription to treat the Russian wounded.

For Harmer, whose father was senior surgeon at the hospital in 1915-16, the unveiling marked the successful end of a 12-year campaign, which involved him, among many other things, in writing a book on *The Forgotten Hospital* (1981), so called because this noble enterprise was not even mentioned in the official *Medical History of the Great War*.

For the last few years of his life, Harmer was in poor health; but, rather than miss the unveiling, he travelled to St Petersburg with his wife and daughter, carrying a list of his numerous ailments in Russian, together with the appropriate medicaments and contact numbers. The whole project attests to his enterprise, pertinacity, courage and family feeling.

Michael Hedley Harmer was born in London and educated at Marlborough and King's College, Cambridge. His father, Douglas Harmer, was one of the most distinguished laryngologists of his day, and his mother was a noted soprano. He studied at Bart's and, after serving as a surgical specialist with the RAFVR from 1943 to 1946, went to the Westminster Hospital as senior surgical registrar.

He became a consultant at the Royal Marsden, and in 1948 was appointed assistant surgeon at Paddington Green Children's Hospital. When "the Green" was threatened with closure, he played a leading role in a vigorous campaign which helped to prolong its life by nearly 40 years.

Harmer, proud to be "a general surgeon", was known for his swift diagnostic skills and meticulous surgery; and, long before it became commonplace, for visiting patients before and after an operation, explaining what was involved.

He was also a superb committee man, notably serving Le Union Internationale Contre le Cancer from 1953 to 1988. This body aimed to evolve a terminology common to both surgeons and physicians for describing cancers, and Harmer was largely responsible for its pocketbook for clinicians. His other publications included lives of two fellow surgeons, Lord Moynihan and Sir Geoffrey Keynes; and, as co-editor, the 19th edition of *Ross and Carless*, the oldest standard textbook of surgery in England.

Harmer retired early at 60, disaffected at the over-specialisation and proliferating bureaucracy of the NHS. At Graffham, West Sussex, he and his wife immersed themselves in village life. Aside from the Anglo-Russian Hospital, he continued to espouse causes, especially the fight against the proposed closure of Bart's.

As well as writing his memoirs, he sustained lively correspondences with his many friends, on topics ranging from the iniquities of modern art to the joys of music, literature and mountaineering. He had himself conquered some of the world's great peaks, including — three times — the Matterhorn. Less than a month before his death, accompanied by his son and grandson, he attended the annual dinner of the Snark Club, which he and nine other medical students — all fervent admirers of Lewis Carroll — had founded at Cambridge in 1924.

He is survived by his wife Bridget, whom he married in 1939, and by their son and daughter.

# AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR BRENDAN JACKSON

**Air Chief Marshal Sir Brendan Jackson, GCB, former Air Member for Supply and Organisation, died from motor neurone disease on November 19 aged 63. He was born on August 23, 1935.**



*Jackson: improved efficiency while resisting wholesale privatisation*

AS ONE of the most senior members of the Air Board between 1988 and 1993, Benny Jackson was a central figure in the debate over privatisation within the RAF. Widely regarded as one of the cleverest of his Service generation, he was strong enough to take on those politicians and civil servants doctrinally committed to contracting everything out.

Yet he was by no means opposed to the policy on principle. Dedicated to eliminating waste, he achieved a great deal himself by pruning the RAF's organisation and putting a number of functions out to tender.

But Jackson also saw the dangers of cutting too deeply and damaging the RAF's "core capability". The Gulf War, in which Britain fought during his five years at the top, demonstrated the need for the Service to be self-sufficient in times of crisis. There was also a fear of weakening the RAF's *esprit de corps* by importing civilian contractors in place of Service personnel — a consequence already perceived in Support Command. Leanness was not synonymous with fitness.

Jackson did not always win the day. He tried to oppose the scheme to centralise tri-Service helicopter maintenance under a single agency at Yeovilton, but in the end had to concede defeat. However, he had the intellect and was tough enough to slow down the pace of change when he thought it necessary, insisting upon a more pragmatic approach.

Brendan James Jackson was born in London, the son of an Irish mother and Scottish father, an estate manager who at one time worked at Chartwell for Winston Churchill. The family later moved to Sussex where his father died, leaving him to be brought up by his mother.

He went to Chichester High School, where he soon showed a gift for languages and applied for a place at Oxford to read German. Vexed over being rejected, he thought he might try something more adventurous and chose to read Japanese instead at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University.

On graduating, he offered himself to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, to work in its Tokyo office. Once more he was turned down. While a student, however, he had joined the London University Air Squadron and learnt to fly. So in 1956 he joined the RAF.

Qualifying as a bomber pilot, he was first posted to Laarbruch in West Germany, with a Canberra photo-reconnaissance squadron. From there he moved to Wittering, Northamptonshire, as co-pilot in a Victor V-bomber squadron at the height of the Cold War.

Jackson nearly lost his life when the Handley Page Victor in which he was flying, as one of a six-man crew, ran into trouble soon after take-off, when a loud detonation was heard from one of the wings. The pilot, suspecting an engine fault, put the aircraft into a steep climb so that the crew in the rear, who, unlike the pilot and co-pilot did not have ejection seats, could bale out.

But the plane then began to vibrate and became uncontrollable. Shouting to the pilot that it was just about to stall, Jackson tried to seize the controls — only for the pilot beside him to grab them back, refusing to believe him. In breach of regulations, taking the law into his own hands, Jackson ejected. Seconds later the plane stalled and crashed, killing all those still on board.

Jackson next led a squadron of Canberras in Malta before becoming personal staff officer to the chief of staff of the 2nd Allied Tactical Air Force in Germany from 1969 to 1971. After flying B52 bombers on an exchange posting to the United States, he became personal staff officer to the Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey, 1974-76. He went on to take charge of RAF Marham, a Victor tanker base.

It was as a staff officer, however, that Jackson was to make his mark. Cast in the responsible role of director of plans, he earned the title of "the man with the golden pen" — reflecting his skill at reducing complex data into readable, lucid prose.

His performance helped to earn him promotion to air vice-marshal and the job of assistant chief of staff (policy) at Nato's military headquarters. At a time of historic movement on arms control and redeployment, he was a highly regarded aide and adviser of the Supreme Allied Commander, General Bernard Rogers, especially on nuclear issues.

In 1986 he became the deputy commander-in-chief of RAF Strike Command and two years later moved into his last posting, as Air Member for Staff and Organisation on the RAF Board. But, shortly before he retired five years ago, Jackson started to experience the first symptoms of what was to be diagnosed as motor neurone disease.

Benny Jackson's strength lay not only in his intellect, which enabled him to hold his own in matters of military theology, but in the wide range of his interests. These included the arts and languages. He qualified as an interpreter in German. He never thumped the table or raised his voice, but won his battles by rational argument and persistence. His refusal to let anything slip past him made him something of a senior statesman on the Air Board.

He married his wife Shirley in 1959 after meeting her through London University Air Squadron. She survives him, together with one son and a daughter.

# Latest wills

Lady Cairncross, of Oxford, wife of the late Sir Alec Cairncross, left estate valued at £383,954 net.
She left £2,000 each to RSPB, National Trust and Oxfam.

Sir Foley Newns, Acting Governor of Sierra Leone, 1960, Secretary to Cabinet, Government of Bahamas, 1963-71, of Cambridge, left estate valued at £395,152 net.
He left £1,000 to both St Catherine's College, Cambridge, and Christ's Hospital, Horsham, Sussex.

The Hon Lady Runge, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,124,806 net. She left £100 to both Queen Mary's London Needlework Guild and the PCC of Holy Trinity, Church Lane End, Buckinghamshire.

Alice Mabel MacFadyen, of West Wittering, Chichester, West Sussex, left estate valued at £2,220,676 net. She left £20,000 to the British Red Cross Society; £10,000 to St Martin's United Reform Church, Saltdean, and to Queen Camel Church, Somerset.

Edward Hanbury Brooke, of Nertherton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £6,493,372 net.

Hilda Adelaide Castang, of Westfield, Hastings, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,716,600 net.

Bridget Grace Grundy, retired air commodore, of Royston, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £1,631,354 net. She left £1,000 each to Hertfordshire Branch, British Red Cross Society, Reed Parish Church, Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, RSPB and Royston Community Centre.

John Michael Hanbury, of Bovey Tracey, Devon, left estate valued at £1,659,903 net.

Victor Jeffries Hoare, of London SW1, left estate valued at £1,367,393 net.
He left £10,000 to the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund and to the Variety Club of Great Britain.

Geoffrey William Houghton, of High Legh, Knutsford, Cheshire, left estate valued at £1,146,612 net.

Helen Norcock, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £1,096,330 net. She left £500 to Fairford Hospital and to the Children's Society.

George William Page, of London N20, left estate valued at £1,080,854 net.
He left £200 to the Sharpshooters Yeomanry Association; £100 to the Donkey Sanctuary.

Alfred Reginald Turner, of Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, left estate valued at £569,826 net. He left £2,000 to the Friends of St Peter's Pembury Parish Church; £1,000 to both the Darby and Joan Club and the Parish of King Charles the Martyr Church, Tunbridge Wells; plus shares in his residuary estate to RNLI, RNIB, Stroke Association, Hospice in the Weald, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Amnesty International, Christian Aid and the MS Society.

Joan Margarete Anna Sommer, of London N2, left estate valued at £1,473,087 net.

Herbert Ernest Harold Studwick, of Watford, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £1,273,329 net.

## KEIR HARDIE'S WORK

Referring to Keir Hardie's early days in Parliament, Lord Snowden said: "He had no means of support. There was no payment of members in those days; and Hardie had no trade union to support him. We talked over this matter of his maintenance, and he submitted to me an estimate of his out-of-pocket expenses. He paid 14s [70p] a week for a room in London, his food cost him £1 a week, postages and secretarial help averaged 25s [75p] a week. This took no account of innumerable incidental outgoings, nor of clothing, railway fares home, and the maintenance of his family in Scotland. He said he might manage if he could get an allowance of £150 a year, and he would try to make up the rest of his necessary expenditure with speaking engagements at weekends and in the recess.

"We raised by the voluntary contributions of a few friends a sum of £150 a year. These were the circumstances of a man who was slandered as rolling in luxury".

During the three years Hardie was in Parliament, from 1892 to 1895, Lord Snowden said that he made the subject of unemployment an issue in British politics. Before then the State acknowledged no obligation to make provision for the unemployed. They were regarded as being in the main a lot of drunken, thriftless ne'er-do-wells whose condition was due to their own fault. By persistently keeping the unemployed question before Parliament, and by speaking at weekends throughout the country, Hardie at last succeeded in getting the Government to admit a public responsibility for the unemployed.

To Keir Hardie, more than to any other man, the credit was due for the great change which, in the last 30 years, had come over Parliament, and the awakening of the public conscience on this question. Lord Snowden denied that Hardie's Socialism was indebted to the teachings of Karl Marx. He had often heard Hardie say that his Socialism was derived from the New Testament and the poems of Robert Burns, rather than from the writings of Socialist economists. Hardie taught himself to read and write, and learned shorthand by practising the characters with a piece of coal on the white-washed face of the mine where he worked . . .

## ON THIS DAY

### December 14, 1935

*Lord Snowden, former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer, was speaking of his old friend and colleague, the Socialist pioneer, in the radio series "I knew a Man".*

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## NEWS

### Judges face tougher scrutiny

Judges will face increased public scrutiny over their politics and interests as the government's human rights legislation begins to bite, according to the Lord Chancellor.

Lord Irvine of Lairg has admitted that such scrutiny of the background of judicial candidates is inevitable when the Human Rights Act takes effect in the year 2000. He may also consult over the setting up of a Judicial Appointments Commission involving lay people in the appointment of judges .....Page 1

### High income earners to keep tax relief

The Government signalled that it has ruled out cutting tax relief for the rich to pay for its radical package of pension reforms being unveiled tomorrow. There had been fears that high income earners might lose part of the 40 per cent tax relief on their pension contributions .....Page 1

### Hunger strike over

Barry Horne, the animal rights firebomber, gave up his hunger strike yesterday after 68 days. Horne, 46, was last night being moved from Full Sutton Prison to a hospital in York after requesting medical attention .....Page 1

### Blair urges balance

Tony Blair today fights back from a bruising fortnight over Europe by calling for a new maturity in Britain's relations with its continental partners. Writing in *The Times*, the Prime Minister pleads for a "sense of balance" in debate over Europe's future .....Page 1

### Genetic fear tactics

Do-it-yourself genetic testing kits could soon be used by unscrupulous private companies to exploit public fear of disease, a leading think tank warns today .... Page 4

### Boating tragedy

The boyfriend of the youngest daughter of the late Labour leader John Smith was the sole survivor of a boating tragedy off the island of Iona yesterday in which four men are believed to have died .....Page 5

### Families take control

The families of dead celebrities whose images are used to sell many products are to have more say in the way they are used. A consultancy aims to control this advertising in which British law offers little protection .....Page 6

### Youth custody costs

The 2,500 youths aged 15 to 17 currently in custody have have cost the taxpayer almost £200 million in policing, insurance, detention and social services bills — an average of £75,000 each .....Page 8

### Bumble bee extinct

A British bumble bee has been declared extinct, bringing to 154 the number of animal and plant species that the country has lost during the 20th century .....Page 9

### Israel security fear

The draconian security precautions around President Clinton are to be further intensified today during his high risk first visit to the Palestinian-controlled Gaza Strip after a new call for his assassination by a militant Islamic leader there .....Page 10

### Clinton will not quit

President Clinton denied vigorously that he was about to resign, following the historic vote of the House Judiciary Committee to impeach him. "I have no intention of resigning," said a grim-and tense Mr Clinton, in Jerusalem to begin Middle East tour .....Page 11

### EU battles ahead

After waltzing around Europe's big flashpoints at a sociable summit in Vienna, the EU's leaders will be offered a glimpse of battles to come when Germany unveils its menu for its forthcoming presidency of the Union .....Page 12

### Burglar's mercy plea to granny

A burglar who broke into a granny's home ended up pleading to be let out again — after she whacked him with a hammer. The 81-year-old had been hanging pictures in her home earlier in the evening and had used the small claw hammer to tap in nails. When he broke the latch on her kitchen window and crawled through, she walloped him over the head .....Page 6

MALCOLM CROFT / PA




Granada Studios hoped to set a world record with 500 Santas in Manchester yesterday. Only Alycia and Ethan Darling met the challenge

## BUSINESS

**Trading halt:** A traders' holiday looms in the City this week as fund managers decide not to trade shares after Friday .....Page 44

**Shell shocked:** Shell, the battered oil company, has called in City analysts today and is expected to give warning of huge financial write-downs on the value of its assets and further job losses .....Page 44

**Soros returns:** George Soros has said he is ready to start speculating on the pound again, in the belief that sterling will fluctuate if Britain stays out of the EMU ..... Page 44

**Seaweed galore:** A community of Hebridean seaweed harvesters who were facing redundancy through £60 billion merger plans from two American giants stand to make a fortune .....Page 42

## FEATURES

**Taking over:** "They want you, the supermarkets. They want the lot: the country formerly known and this green and pleasant land, the nation that is no longer a nation of shopkeepers, the society that the previous Government claimed didn't exist. They need all this or they cannot stay in profit," writes Celia Brayfield .....Page 13

## FASHION

**Dreamy confections:** "Some women are born to dress up. They enter the world with fully-formed credit cards and a homing instinct that leads directly to John Galliano. I do not know how they instinctively avoid all those mistakes. But they do." Lisa Armstrong, the fashion editor, writes .....Pages 14, 15

**Opera at the Wells:** The Royal Opera brings its pretty new production of Smetana's *The Bartered Bride* to the rebuilt Sadler's Wells for Christmas .....Page 16

**Music man:** Jools Holland may be best known across Britain as a television presenter, but as his Festival Hall concert showed, he still thinks of himself first and foremost as a musician ..... Page 16

**Angst pop:** Polly Jean Harvey launches her British tour in Glasgow with songs all about sin and death ..... Page 16

**Christmas treat:** Diana Rigg has made a career out of playing monsters, and she is about to do it again in Henry James's *The Americans* for BBC2 .....Page 17

**FOOTBALL:** Aston Villa moved back to the top of the FA Carling Premiership after fighting back to beat Arsenal 3-2 .....Page 23

**OLYMPIC GAMES:** Juan Antonio Samaranch has promised an investigation on allegations that bribery is rife .....Page 24

**CRICKET:** England are facing the distinct possibilty of another heavy defeat in the third Test against Australia in Adelaide .....Page 24

**ATHLETICS:** Paula Radcliffe was rewarded for a bold performance with a superb victory in the European cross-country championships in Ferrara yesterday .....Page 24

**SWIMMING:** Two world records for Mark Foster completed a remarkable weekend for British competitors in Sheffield ..... Page 24



**TOMORROW**

## IN THE TIMES

■ ARTS
**Meet Joanna MacGregor, the pianist so hard to categorise that she had to start her own record label**

■ LAW
**Would more lords have made a difference to the general?**

Helmut Kohl, the former German Chancellor, was applauded by EU leaders at Vienna as he was made an "honorary citizen of Europe". But the irony is that he is a Christian Democrat, whereas most EU leaders are now Social Democrats. The EU — including the visionary concept of monetary union — was forged largely by Christian Democrats after the Second World War. By contrast the present Social Democratic leaders are more wedded to national sovereignty and seem to lack the supra-national vision of their predecessors.

*La Stampa*, Turin

Preview: Profile of Moshe Tamir, a Jewish musician. *Sound Stories* (BBC2, 7.30pm) Review: Paul Hoggart on attempts to rubbish Amnesty International .....Pages 42, 43

### Impeachment hour

Bill Clinton may have arrived in the Middle East prepared to act the statesman but when he returns to Washington he will have little more than two days to persuade the House of Representatives not to pass articles of impeachment against him .....Page 19

### Irvine's empire

The introduction of the Human Rights Act, Lord Irvine of Lairg acknowledges in *The Times* today, will place the judiciary in the spotlight of public scrutiny .....Page 19

### A bridge of hope

The populations of Honduras and Nicaragua have now buried their dead. But their economies have been set back decades .....Page 19

### TONY BLAIR

I agree it has a familiar ring to it. Pre-summit talk of vile plans that other European countries have for Britain. Denials by Government. Accusations of scare stories. Counter-accusations that the Government is just blaming the press for its own troubles .....Page 18

### PETER RIDDELL

The alliance of convenience between new Labour and the sceptic press was always bogus and is now, at long last, over. The Blair Government has liberated itself to emerge in its true pro-European colours ..... Page 18

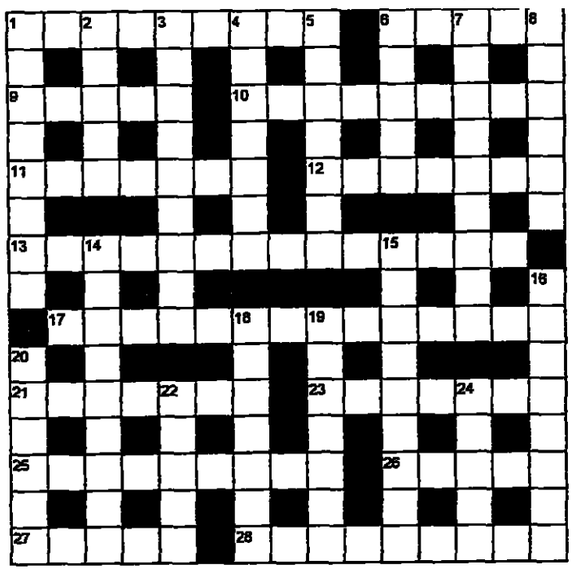
### WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Napoleon called us a nation of shopkeepers; we might become a nation of subcontractors. The latest proposal is the merger of British Aerospace with Daimler Chrysler Aerospace of Germany ..... Page 18

**Lord Grade**, film producer; **Air Chief Marshal Sir Brendan Jackson**, Air Member for Supply and Organisation, 1988-93; **Michael Harmer**, surgeon .....Page 21

**46, 38, 28, 41, 26 and 39. Bonus: 25** One person won Saturday night's £9.1 million lottery jackpot.

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ACROSS
1 Err like inactive partner when rise is delayed? (9).
6 For a bird, this is just what's needed with seed (5).
9 Clear off when resistance disrupts criminal activity (5).
10 Outgoing consumer whose preparations may be hampered (9).
11 Man who made a bit from soldiers on board ship (7).
12 Gradual assimilation of one employed in very large plant (7).
13 Like the inexactitude of Churchill's speech (14).
17 Palestrina's work? Turning out multiple copies (4,10).
21 Stab unknown individual in club (7).
23 Hurried back with speed to tell what happened (7).
25 Greek character detectives are about to remove (9).
26 Lake lady initially taken in by extremely eligible knight (5).
27 Be inclined to cross river in this general direction (5).
28 A supporter of revolutionary musical production (9).

DOWN
1 Antiquated honour only Tories originally received (8).
2 No time for intimidation – it's not right (5).
3 To wit, it calls up a branch of linguistics (9).
4 Working at ropes, possibly made from this (7).
5 Select a vulgar sounding player (7).
6 Worthing nurse's solid figure (5).
7 Involved in a task accepted by pious countryman (9).
8 Drive horse in confident expectation (6).
14 Money received for off-the-peg garment (5-4).
15 Right to enter concert I organised? Not so (9).
16 Feelers of insect upset English girl (8).
18 Respond when troop leaders enter, and withdraw (7).
19 He takes steps to entertain, and sure gets into trouble (7).
20 Protest in article (6).
22 Welshman turns up with an aquatic plant (5).
24 Spontaneous comment from head librarian (2,3).

*The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,973 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.*

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## FORECAST

☐ **General:** very mild again, especially in the south. Much of England and Wales will start mainly dry, and it will be breezy, particularly in the north and west. The southwest will be cloudy and locally misty. N Wales and N England will turn dull, wet and windy. Rain will threaten in south later.

Scotland and Northern Ireland wet and windy with a spell of heavy rain and extensive hill-fog; rain will turn to showers from northwest later. The Republic of Ireland will start wet and windy but become drier and brighter later.

Tonight, rain will spread to southern parts of England and Wales. N England and N Wales mostly dry with clear spells after early rain clears away. Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will have showers. Eastern Scotland mostly dry and quite chilly. Strong winds in northern Scotland.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles:** a dry start with some bright or hazy sunny spells, but it will cloud over and rain will threaten by evening. Mild. Brisk southwest wind. Max 15C (59F)

☐ **E, Central N, NE England:** dull and breezy with rain developing from north. Mild. Gusty southwest wind. Max 14C (57F)

☐ **W Midlands, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** mild, generally cloudy with rain spreading from northwest during the day. A gusty southwest wind will ease later. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales:** cloudy and windy with rain spreading from north by the afternoon and evening. A strong southwest wind will ease later. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, Orkney, Shetland:** a windy day with early rain clearing to leave sunny spells and a few showers. Strong to near gale-force west to southwest wind. Max (54F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland:** morning rain clearing, leaving blustery showers and sunny spells. Strong to near gale-force west to southwest wind. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** wet and windy at first but brighter weather spreading from the northwest and becoming mostly dry. Strong southwesterly wind slowly decreasing. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Outlook:** tomorrow looks like staying dull and wet over much of England and Wales, but Scotland and Northern Ireland should remain drier and brighter with showers in the west.

Wednesday will be more settled in southern and eastern areas, but the north and west will remain windy, damp and misty

## AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm b=bright, c=cloud, d=drizzle, ds=dust storm, du=dull, f=fair, fg=fog, g=gales, h=hail, r=rain, sh=shower, sl=sleet, s=sun, t=thunder

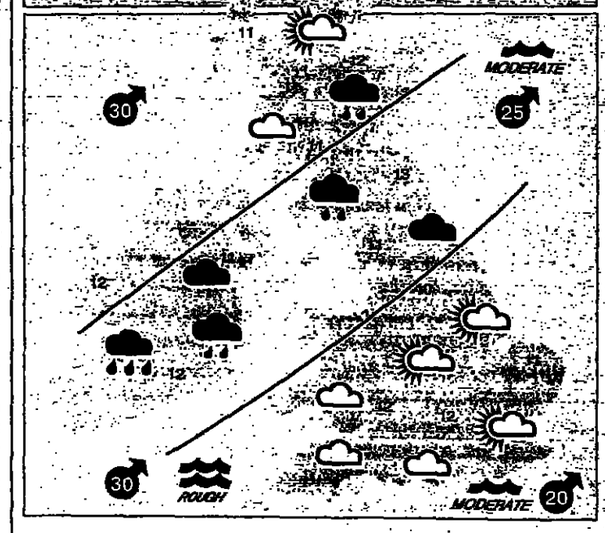
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| Buxton | 1.6 | 0.49 | 7 | 45 | s | Newcastle | 0.6 | 0.07 | 10 | 50 | b |
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| Hove | 0.4 | - | 10 | 50 | b | Tenby | - | 0.19 | 12 | 54 | c |
| Hunstanton | - | 0.26 | 8 | 46 | c | Tiree | - | 0.27 | 10 | 50 | sh |
| Isle of Man | - | 0.29 | 11 | 52 | r | Torquay | 0.4 | - | 14 | 57 | d |
| Isle of Wight | - | 0.01 | 11 | 52 | c | Tynemouth | - | 0.02 | 10 | 50 | b |
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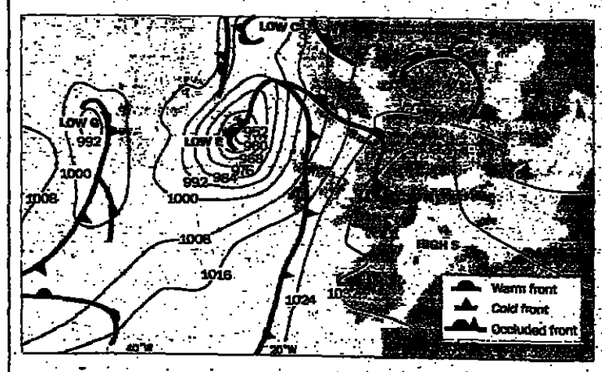
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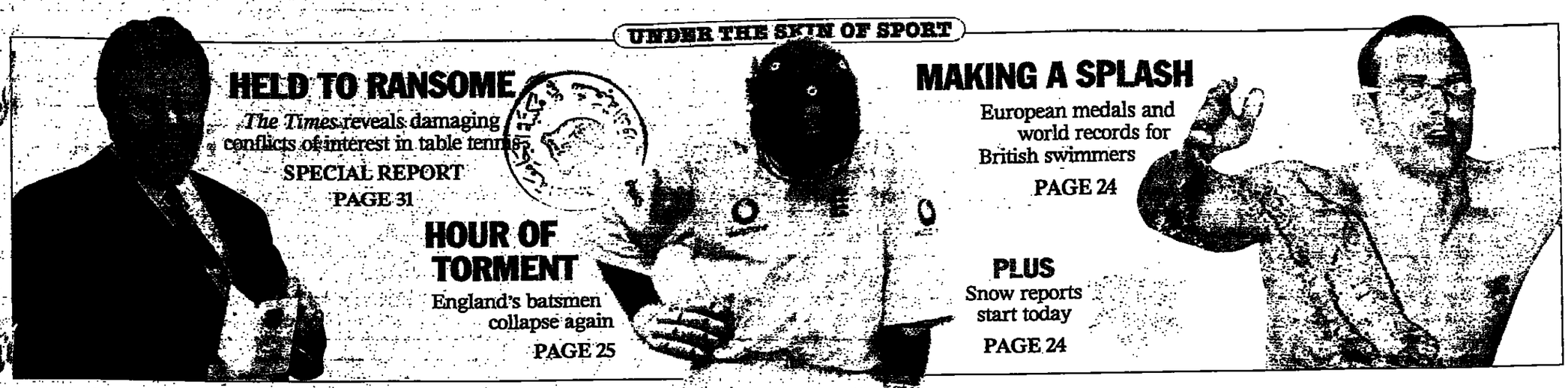

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| Devonport | 2:10 | 4.5 | 2:28 | 4.7 | Milford Haven | 2:49 | 5.5 | 2:13 | 5.7 |
| Dover | 7:47 | 5.7 | 8:23 | 5.6 | Newquay | 1:48 | 5.8 | 2:11 | 5.9 |
| Dublin | 8:36 | 3.6 | 8:56 | 3.7 | Oban | 2:46 | 3.2 | 3:02 | 3.3 |
| Falmouth | 1:41 | 4.3 | 1:59 | 4.5 | Penzance | 1:41 | 4.5 | 1:41 | 4.7 |
| Greenock | 9:39 | 3.1 | 9:33 | 3.1 | Portland | 3:27 | 1.5 | 3:31 | 1.5 |
| Harwich | 6:16 | 3.3 | 6:35 | 3.5 | Portsmouth | 8:19 | 4.1 | 8:44 | 3.9 |
| Holyhead | 7:24 | 4.7 | 7:38 | 4.8 | Shoreham | 7:57 | 5.1 | 8:24 | 5.0 |
| Hull (Albert D) | 2:45 | 7.3 | 3:28 | 7.3 | Southampton | 7:34 | 4.1 | 7:57 | 3.9 |
| Ilfracombe | 2:39 | 7.3 | 2:57 | 7.6 | Swansea | 2:44 | 7.6 | 3:12 | 7.8 |
| King's Lynn | 2:54 | 5.3 | 3:39 | 5.4 | Tees | 0:03 | 4.7 | 12:42 | 4.7 |
| Leith | 11:33 | 4.7 | - | - | Walton-On-Naze | 8:18 | 3.6 | 8:55 | 3.7 |

All times GMT. Heights in metres.

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Devon, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Wick, Highland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Shap Fell, Cumbria, 0.78in; highest sunshine: Edinburgh, 3.1hr.





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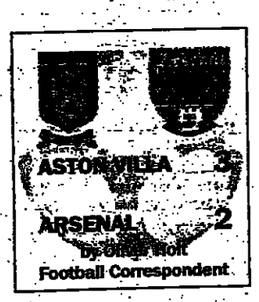
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## BERGKAMP AND ARSENAL UNDONE BY TACTICAL SWITCH




Dublin, whose two second-half goals took his total for Aston Villa to nine in seven matches, celebrates the strike that eclipsed Arsenal yesterday and allowed his new team to regain their lead in the Premiership. Photograph: Marc Aspland

# Dublin fires Villa riposte




By Oliver Holt
Football Correspondent

ASTON VILLA were beginning to look like charlatans, a team whose results against a succession of the FA Carling Premiership's lesser teams were being gradually exposed as so much fool's gold. Suddenly, Liverpool had thrashed them, Manchester United had drawn with them and Chelsea had outplayed them. On Saturday night, United overtook them at the top of the table and it seemed as if they had reached the end of their 15 minutes of fame.

Then, just when Arsenal looked as though they were going to complete Villa's unmasking yesterday, John Gregory and his side stood up for themselves. They forgot the fact that Arsenal had conceded only seven league goals all season and put three past them in the second half. Their victory not only put them three points clear of United, it also suggested that, far from being pretenders, they may be genuine claimants, after all.

It is Arsenal's crown that they want to wear, but the feeling was that if Arsène Wenger had been able to mastermind a victory for his charges at Villa Park, it may have heralded the beginning of a surge back towards the summit of the Premiership similar to the one that they summoned up at this stage last season.

On this weekend last year, Arsenal lost 3-1 to Blackburn Rovers at Highbury, a result that prompted an intense spell of soul-searching, a refusal to bow to all their disciplinary problems, an improvement in team spirit and the irresistible assault that they made on Manchester United's seemingly insurmountable lead.

A win yesterday would have put Arsenal within a point of the top and, out of Europe, with nothing to distract them from the pursuit of the retention of their title, they may still be contenders, of course. Their first-half performance, when they opened a 2-0 lead, showed just what the return of a few first-team players can do for them. But if this match had a pivotal air about it, it swung on Villa's stirring recovery of their self-belief.

A goal from Julian Joachim and two more from Dion Dublin, who now has nine in seven games since he was signed from Coventry City, left Arsenal disbelieving and Gregory exultant. Doubts had begun to set in, fear had crept into the play of his team, he said, but now it had been banished in the most comprehensive fashion.

"There were a few players I didn't recognise in the first half because they were playing so poorly," the Villa manager said. "They all seemed to be waiting for something to happen, for Julian Joachim to make a run, for Lee Hendrie to do a wonderful turn and score an individual goal. Everybody seemed to be waiting for somebody else to do it."

"But the second half was the stuff of schoolboy dreams and we hit the heights again. We showed the kind of spirit and self-belief and ability that had got us where we were in the first place. Some things were said at half-time, but they rammed it back down my throat in the second half.

"We are in a better position now than when we started this trilogy of games, so all the doom and gloom that has been coming my way has changed a bit. Arsenal have only conceded seven goals all season and we have given them a two-goal start today and we have still beaten them. If there is not belief in our side now, there never will be."

At half-time, though, Villa looked like a beaten side, 2-0 down to a pair of smartly taken goals from Dennis Bergkamp and contemplating a record that would have left them with two points from five games. Their matches against United, Chelsea and Arsenal were supposed to be a test of their championship credibility and, after the first 45 minutes here, it was in tatters.

Bergkamp, back after injury, opened the scoring after fourteen minutes. Ljungberg beat Wright in the air and Anelka flicked on again by outjumping Southgate. It fell into the Dutchman's stride and he drove it across Oakes and into the corner of the net.

In first-half injury time, Bergkamp put Arsenal further ahead. He played a one-two with Anelka on the edge of the Villa box, and although Anelka was forced wide, he pulled the ball back from the byline and Bergkamp hit it first time into the corner, wrong-footing Oakes in the process.

The start of the second half was delayed for 15 minutes after a member of the RAF Hawks parachute team, jumping to publicise Villa's new insurance service, landed on the roof of the main stand and fell 80 feet onto the touchline. He was treated on the pitch and taken to Birmingham City Hospital to be treated for two broken legs.

The game changed when Gregory brought Stan Collymore on for Gareth Barry in the 54th minute and Villa threw caution to the wind, playing in an unfamiliar 4-3-3 formation. Collymore gave them the aggression and mobility that they had been lacking and his presence and pace seemed to unsettle Bould and Keown at the heart of the Arsenal defence.

Joachim gave Villa hope in the 62nd minute when he side-footed past Seaman, Hendrie having squared the ball to him after a flick from Collymore, and three minutes later the home side were level.

Joachim was the provider this time. He crossed from the right towards Dublin, and even though his shot was blocked, Thompson fired in the rebound and Dublin stretched out his right foot to poke it past Seaman.

Arsenal could have gone back into the lead in the 79th minute, but Parlour dragged his shot wide after a lightning break by Bergkamp and Anelka had put him clear. The visitors paid six minutes from the end. When Keown missed Thompson's corner, Dublin cushioned it on his thigh, let it bounce and smashed it into the roof of the net.

They may not be ready to wear the crown just yet, but Villa are past the pretending stage now.

ASTON VILLA (3-5-2): M Oakes, — U Ehiogu, G Southgate, G Barry (sub: S Collymore, 54min) — S Watson, L Hendrie, I Taylor, A Thompson, A Wright — J Joachim (sub: S Grayson, 68). D Dublin

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, M Keown, S Bould, N Winterburn — F Ljungberg (sub: G Grimandi, 68), R Parlour (sub: L Boa Morte, 90), P Vieira, M Overmars — N Anelka, D Bergkamp.

Referee: S Lodge

### DUBLIN'S FAIR TALLY



The £5.75 million John Gregory spent to bring Dion Dublin to Aston Villa last month has paid rich and immediate dividends. Dublin, who was the Premiership's joint leading scorer last season, has managed nine goals in seven matches since his move from Coventry City, and he missed a penalty against Liverpool. His striking performance yesterday against Arsenal ended a barren run of three matches without a goal.

| Date | Opponents | Result | Goals |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov 7 | Tottenham (h) | 3-2 | 2 |
| Nov 14 | Southampton (a) | 4-1 | 3 |
| Nov 21 | Liverpool (h) | 2-3 | 2 |
| Nov 28 | Nottm Forest (a) | 2-2 | 0 |
| Dec 5 | Manchester Utd (h) | 1-1 | 0 |
| Dec 9 | Chelsea (a) | 1-2 | 0 |
| Dec 13 | Arsenal (h) | 3-2 | 2 |

### TOP OF THE PREMIERSHIP

| | | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | ASTON VILLA | 17 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 27 | 17 | 33 |
| 2. | Manchester Utd | 16 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 33 | 19 | 30 |
| 3. | Chelsea | 16 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 26 | 16 | 29 |
| 4. | Middlesbrough | 17 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 27 | 19 | 27 |
| 5. | Leeds | 16 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 26 | 14 | 26 |



Barry is left trailing as Bergkamp puts Arsenal ahead


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# Samaranch pledges action over Olympic bribe claims

**John Goodbody sees Games officials face up to new scandal over city bids**

JUAN Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), yesterday promised to expel any members found guilty of accepting bribes for voting for cities wanted to stage the Games.

In the biggest corruption scandal in the 103-year history of the Olympics, Samaranch began a damage limitation exercise after a weekend of turmoil. A special IOC panel will investigate the allegations.

First Marc Hodler, a Swiss member of the supreme IOC executive board, shocked international sport by alleging that there had been systematic bribery and other malpractices in the choosing of the site of the Games including Atlanta, Nagano, Sydney and Salt Lake City.

Then Frank Joklik, president of the Salt Lake City Olympic Organising Committee (SLOOC), apologised and accepted full responsibility for a controversial scholarship scheme run by the group, which won the bid for the 2002 Winter Games. This programme provided nearly £250,000 in tuition and other assistance to 13 individuals, including six relatives of IOC members, mainly from Africa.

Samaranch told the news conference in Lausanne yesterday: "If we have to clean, we will clean. After, the IOC will be even stronger than before." He compared the scandal to the crisis over the political boycott of the Games in the 1980s and the positive drugs test on Ben Johnson at the Seoul Olympics.

He said: "They were difficult moments and now there is another difficult moment. I'm sure we will solve the problem. After the black day, the sun will come again."

He said that he had been taken aback by Hodler's allegations and said that they should have been made first to the executive board. He denied muzzling Hodler, but said that only he and Francois Carrard, the IOC executive director, were empowered to talk to the media. He said: "We will never, never expel Hodler from the IOC," and added that there would be no possibility of taking the Games away from Salt Lake City.

The IOC yesterday declined to speculate on what sanctions might be taken against Salt Lake City. However, Dick Pound, an IOC vice-president, effectively ruled out any possibility of the Games being taken away from Utah.

Pound said that the executive board expressed "complete, repeat complete, confidence" in the organising committee. "We are satisfied Salt Lake City won the 2002 Games on the merit of the bid."

However, the IOC has set up an inquiry that will investigate Hodler's claims that "agents" have approached bidding cities soliciting bribes of up to £600,000 to procure votes of IOC members. "What we are concern with is whether there has been inappropriate conduct by some of our members or agents involved in the bid process," Pound said. "We are aware that there are agents."

Billy Payne, who led Atlanta's bid for the 1996 Games, angrily denied that the IOC members were bribed before the vote. He said: "There were no payments — direct or indirect."

Claims that African votes were up for sale were denounced by Sam Ramsamy, the IOC member in South Africa. Ramsamy said: "The targets of these claims always seem to be Africans."

Ramsamy was a member of the team that fought to win the 2004 Olympics for Cape Town, only for Athens to win get the honour. Ramsamy said: "When Cape Town was bidding I made it very clear to everyone not to offer anything that was beyond the IOC instructions. If anything improper had occurred, I would have been the first to report it."



Hodler: bribery allegations

**ATHLETICS**

# Radcliffe savours country life

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN FERRARA, ITALY

IN a manner reminiscent of Liz McColgan's grinding 10,000 metres triumph at the 1991 world championships in Tokyo, Paula Radcliffe yesterday claimed full reward for her brave, if risky, decision to run in the European cross-country championships here. Winning her first international championship since her junior days, Radcliffe sighed with relief. "At long last," she said.

It came too late to allow her to become a contender for BBC Sports Personality of the Year last night — that chance was lost when she was well beaten at the European championships in Budapest in August — but it gives her a platform to work from for next year. At least she now believes the virus that undid her in Budapest has cleared.

The day of the Sports Review of the Year it may have been, but that did not stop the organisers making a late attempt to persuade Radcliffe to rush home to appear. She declined. Thorough professional that she is, she had a warm-down to do and wanted a good night's sleep before recommencing training.

Had Radcliffe performed poorly, her morale, low after Budapest, would have sunk even further. "We have been working to build up my immune system and it seems to have worked," she said. After countless championship challenges, she defeated, among others, Fernanda Ribeiro, the Olympic 10,000 metres champion from Portugal.

Like McColgan in Tokyo, she turned the screw by forcing the pace throughout. In so doing, she loosened the grip of her challengers one by one.

Only six athletes remained in contention with barely half the 5.6 kilometres covered. Yanna Belkacem, from France, was first to fade and, at four kilometres, Helena Sampaio, from Portugal, followed. Ribeiro had been showing signs of struggling, dropping off the pace and getting back. Approaching five kilometres, she was lost for good.

With 600 metres to go, Olivera Jevtic, from Yugoslavia, lost touch and now it was between the Briton and Annemari Sandell, the 1995 champion, from Finland. The gloves came off in the last 500 metres as Radcliffe, driving up the last double hill and down the other side, dropped Sandell.

Britain's junior men narrowly missed team gold and Gareth Turnbull, from Ireland, took the individual bronze. But for a winning run by Sergey Lebid, from Ukraine, Africans would have dominated the senior men's race.

Mohamed Mourhit and Driss El Himer, both Moroccan until recently, appeared, respectively, for Belgium and France, finishing second and third. If not the first African to win a European cross-country title, Mourhit can at least claim, probably, to be the first athlete to win to a medal while wearing a scarf.



Radcliffe: relieved

**SWIMMING:** THREE WORLD RECORDS FALL TO ELATED HOME TEAM



Hickman powers his way towards a world record in the heats of the 100 metres butterfly. Photograph: Gerry Penny

# Foster leads way as Britain enjoy day to remember

BY CRAIG LORD

THE success of British swimmers was unprecedented at the European short-course championships in Sheffield after a final session yesterday in which Mark Foster set two world records, James Hickman set another, and Graeme Smith and Adam Whitehead also won titles.

Never before have British swimmers set three world records in one day, let alone taken out records of the quality of those that had been held by Alexander Popov, of Russia, and Michael Klim, of Australia.

Foster shaved 0.02sec off Popov's 50 metres freestyle record to leave it at 21.48sec in the morning heats. The final left smoke on the water, the 28-year-old from the University of Bath stopping the clock at 21.31sec before leaping aloft the lane rope in a double-fisted salute to his coaches, both German and Britain.

Although Foster spends much of his time at Bath under the watchful eye of Ian Turner, his schedules are set by Dirk Lange in Hamburg, where Foster has his stroke technique analysed in a flume. If proof of his patriotism were needed, however, Foster has just become the proud owner of an 11-week-old Bulldog, which he has named George.

George will not want for biscuits. Foster went home almost £15,000 better off yesterday, the money part of the £110,000 that the European Swimming League paid out in bonuses for the 13 world and seven European records set in three days of competition.

Hickman, 22, started the ball rolling yesterday with a world record of 51.02sec in the morning heats of the 100 metres butterfly, 0.05sec inside the standard set by Klim when he beat the Briton at the World Cup in Sydney last January.

If Terry Denison, Hickman's coach at Leeds, was a happy man, the same was true of the man who nurtured Hickman from a promising youngster to a swimmer capable of winning the world short-course title last year, Dave Calleja, the coach at Stockport.

Calleja rushed to the edge of the pool to embrace Smith after watching him set a Scottish record of 14min 42.29sec to win the 1,500 metres freestyle and confirm that he is on the way back after two disappointing seasons.

Typifying the new-found strength in British swimming, Whitehead, coached by Nick Sellwood at Coventry, was the surprise champion of the 200 metres breaststroke. His time of 2min 08.54sec was the fifth fastest in history and provided confirmation that Britain at last has a worthy successor to Adrian Moorhouse and Nick Gillingham.

**SPORT IN BRIEF**

## Fairbrother does the necessary

■ **JUDO:** Nicola Fairbrother, the 1992 Olympic silver-medal winner, did what was necessary to take the lightweight title at the British closed judo championships in Cardiff yesterday (John Goodbody writes). Her fight, against Debbie Allan, the 1998 European silver medal-winner, was the most long-awaited bout of the day. Allan was knocked down by Fairbrother early on, but no score was given. It was only when Allan received a penalty point that Fairbrother went ahead. She played a careful tactical game and kept away from the attacks of her fellow international.

Danny Kingston failed to make the weight for the lightweight category of under 73kg. He was forced to take part in the light-middleweights, where he lost to Graeme Randall, the eventual winner.

## London teams advance

■ **BOWLS:** Cambridge Park, who play at Twickenham, and Cyphers, who play at Beckenham, chalked up good wins in the fifth round of the national inter-club championship on Saturday (David-Rhys Jones writes). Cambridge Park defeated the 1995 champions, Preston, 87-59, while Cyphers, five-times winners, registered an 85-57 win over Portsmouth Victory. Blackpool Borough defeated Stanley, and Blackpool Newton Hall, who play on the site of a former elephant house, beat Sleaford, 80-75.

## Hall out of contention

■ **SAILING:** After an unprecedented course change in the Around Alone race, the leaders were bracing themselves for further bad weather as they passed north of the remote Kerguelen Islands yesterday. Isabelle Autissier, in PRB, is still setting the pace, but among the casualties is Josh Hall, of Great Britain, on Gartmore, who is beginning to lose touch with the leading group.

## Scots left with silvers

■ **CURLING:** Peter Lindstrom, of Sweden, and Andrea Schopp, of Germany, led their teams to European championship titles in Flims, leaving Scotland with two silver medals. Sweden beat David Smith's Perth squad by six shots to five, and Schopp took the championship for the sixth time, beating Rhona Martin's Greenacres team 12-4. The same side beat Martin's team to European bronze two years ago.

## Grant lifts leaders clear

■ **FOOTBALL:** Arsenal extended their lead at the top of the women's Premier Division to four points, after Cira Grant scored in each half to see off spirited Liverpool yesterday. Doncaster Belles, who have three games in hand in second place, drew 0-0 with Croydon, who are third. Bradford secured their first point of the season, drawing 1-1 with Millwall.

## Britain meet holders

■ **RUGBY LEAGUE:** Great Britain are in the same pool as New Zealand, the holders, in the World Nines to be held in Johannesburg from February 4-6. Fiji and Papua New Guinea complete the group. Australia, France, Western Samoa, South Africa and Tonga make up Pool B. The top four teams from each group will contest the quarter-finals.


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| Investment Account* | Annual Previous AER/Gross % | Annual New AER/Gross % | Annual New Net % | Monthly Previous AER % | Monthly Previous Gross % | Monthly New AER % | Monthly New Gross % | Monthly New Net % |
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| £100,000+ | 6.30 | 5.80 | 4.64 | 6.05 | 5.89 | 5.55 | 5.41 | 4.33 |
| £ 50,000+ | 5.90 | 5.40 | 4.32 | 5.65 | 5.51 | 5.15 | 5.03 | 4.03 |
| £ 25,000+ | 5.55 | 5.05 | 4.04 | 5.30 | 5.18 | 4.80 | 4.70 | 3.76 |
| £ 10,000+ | 5.15 | 4.65 | 3.72 | 4.90 | 4.79 | 4.40 | 4.31 | 3.45 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| £50,000+ | 5.75 | 5.25 | 4.20 | 5.25 | 5.15 | 4.75 | 4.67 | 3.73 |
| £25,000+ | 5.20 | 4.70 | 3.76 | 4.95 | 4.86 | 4.45 | 4.38 | 3.50 |
| £10,000+ | 4.90 | 4.40 | 3.52 | 4.65 | 4.57 | 4.15 | 4.09 | 3.27 |
| £ 2,500+ | 4.55 | 4.05 | 3.24 | 4.30 | 4.23 | 3.80 | 3.75 | 3.00 |

| Flexible Savings Account | Annual Previous AER/Gross % | Annual New AER/Gross % | Annual New Net % | Monthly Previous AER % | Monthly Previous Gross % | Monthly New AER % | Monthly New Gross % | Monthly New Net % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| £10,000+ | 3.55 | 3.05 | 2.44 | 3.30 | 3.25 | 2.80 | 2.76 | 2.21 |
| £ 5,000+ | 3.05 | 2.55 | 2.04 | 2.80 | 2.76 | 2.30 | 2.28 | 1.82 |
| £ 500+ | 2.80 | 2.30 | 1.84 | 2.55 | 2.52 | 2.05 | 2.03 | 1.62 |
| Below £500 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.16 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.16 |

| TESSA | Previous Tax Free % | New Tax Free % |
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| All Balances | 6.65% | 6.15 |

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| £100,000+ | 6.20 | 6.03 | 5.70 | 5.56 | 4.45 |
| £ 50,000+ | 5.80 | 5.65 | 5.30 | 5.18 | 4.14 |
| £ 25,000+ | 5.45 | 5.32 | 4.95 | 4.84 | 3.87 |
| £ 10,000+ | 5.05 | 4.94 | 4.55 | 4.46 | 3.57 |
| Below £10,000 | 2.80 | 2.76 | 2.30 | 2.28 | 1.82 |

| Effective from 15 December Young Savers Account | Quarterly Previous AER % | Quarterly Previous Gross % | Quarterly New AER % | Quarterly New Gross % | Quarterly New Net % |
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| Effective from 15 December Headway Account | Monthly Previous AER % | Monthly Previous Gross % | Monthly New AER % | Monthly New Gross % | Monthly New Net % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| £500+ | 2.02 | 2.00 | 1.51 | 1.50 | 1.20 |
| £250+ | 1.76 | 1.75 | 1.26 | 1.25 | 1.00 |
| £100+ | 1.51 | 1.50 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.80 |
| £ 50+ | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.40 |
| £ 1+ | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.20 |

| Deposit Account | Half Yearly + Monthly Options Previous AER % | Previous Gross % | New AER % | New Gross % | New Net % |
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**BASKETBALL**

# Leopards must smarten up

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

NEVER short of words, however his team is faring, Billy Mims made no secret of what he thought of his Greater London Leopards on Saturday. "We played dumb basketball," Mims said after his team, Budweiser League champions for the past two seasons, had crashed to their ninth defeat of the campaign by 93-83 at Thames Valley Tigers.

"We turned the ball over far too often to give them easy baskets," the coach added. "We played like a team on a public park. We need to become mentally tougher, to play smart."

Fortunately for Mims, he has Wednesday's home league fixture against Manchester Giants, the leaders, to rectify matters before his team face Newcastle Eagles in the National Cup semi-final next Sunday at the NEC. If the Leopards lose, they will have little to interest them during the second half of the season.

The Leopards failed on Saturday to defeat opponents who were without two key players for long periods. Jason Siemon, who twisted an ankle ligament in the third minute, did not reappear until near the end of the third quarter. He finished with six points, which was twenty less than the flying John McCord-managed, despite suffering a bang on the knee. "We managed to find a way of winning," Paul James, the Tigers' coach said, "although we were nowhere near our best."

Like Mims, James fates a National Cup semi-final next Sunday, when they will be extending their defence of the Cup against Sheffield Sharks. His squad certainly looked to have turned the corner following two recent Trophy blips, no one more so than Casey Arena, whose 25 points endorsed an outstanding contribution in the back court. His second three-pointer four minutes from the end opened up a 12-point lead and finally shook off the Leopards.

In other games, London Towers beat Leicester Riders 88-86 with the help of 29 points from Dwayne Morton and 26 from Danny Lewis, and Edinburgh Rocks beat Chester Jets 73-72 thanks to a last-second score by Ted Berry.

## SNOW REPORTS

SKI CLUB

| | Depth (cm) | | Conditions | | Runs open | Weather (5pm) | | |
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| Andorra | | | | | | | | |
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| Austria | | | | | | | | |
| Kitzbuhel | 36 | 70 | Good | Open | Varied | Fair | 2 | 11/12 |
| Obergurgl | 40 | 160 | Good | Open | Powder | Fair | 1 | 12/12 |
| Sölll | 60 | 90 | Good | Open | Varied | Fair | -1 | 10/12 |
| St Anton | 35 | 310 | Good | Open | Heavy | Fair | 0 | 12/12 |
| France | | | | | | | | |
| Alpe d'Huez | 50 | 180 | Good | Open | Powder | Fair | 2 | 11/12 |
| Chamonix | 70 | 175 | Good | Some | Heavy | Fair | 1 | 13/12 |
| Flaine | 40 | 120 | Good | Some | Varied | Fair | 2 | 13/12 |
| La Plagne | 45 | 150 | Good | Some | Heavy | Fair | 3 | 11/12 |
| Megeve | 15 | 80 | Good | Some | Heavy | Sun | 5 | 12/12 |
| Meribel | 31 | 100 | Good | Some | Heavy | Sun | 4 | 12/12 |
| Tignes | 44 | 135 | Good | Some | Heavy | Sun | 4 | 12/12 |
| Val Thorens | 50 | 125 | Good | Some | Varied | Fair | 2 | 12/12 |
| Val d'Isère | 48 | 305 | Good | Some | Varied | Sun | 4 | 12/12 |
| Valmorel | 30 | 75 | Good | Some | Varied | Fair | 4 | 12/12 |
| Italy | | | | | | | | |
| Cervinia | 10 | 130 | Good | Open | Varied | Fair | 3 | 12/12 |
| Cortina | 0 | 20 | Good | Some | Varied | Fair | 1 | 02/12 |
| Livigno | 10 | 80 | Good | Some | Varied | Fair | -1 | 08/12 |
| Switzerland | | | | | | | | |
| Davos | 80 | 125 | Good | Some | Varied | Fair | 0 | 12/12 |
| St Moritz | 40 | 110 | Good | Some | Varied | Cloud | 2 | 12/12 |
| Wengen | 25 | 45 | Good | Closed | Varied | Fair | 0 | 12/12 |
| Saas Fee | 0 | 150 | Good | Some | Varied | Sun | 5 | 12/12 |
| St Moritz | 10 | 50 | Good | Closed | Varied | Fair | 3 | 12/12 |
| Verbier | 20 | 40 | Good | Closed | Heavy | Fair | 2 | 12/12 |
| Wengen | 50 | 80 | Good | Open | Heavy | Cloud | 2 | 12/12 |
| Zermatt | 10 | 90 | Good | Some | Varied | Fair | 3 | 12/12 |
| United States | | | | | | | | |
| Aspen | 20 | 45 | Good | Artificial | Varied | Fair | -12 | 07/12 |
| Killer Valley | 20 | 60 | Good | Open | Varied | Fair | -5 | 08/12 |




Australia's grip on Ashes looks unbreakable after yet another humiliating surrender

# England destroyed by hour of madness

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN ADELAIDE

*ADELAIDE (third day of five): Australia, with nine second-innings wickets standing, are 314 runs ahead of England*

AN HOUR of harrowingly inept cricket before lunch yesterday surrendered all but the most outlandish prospects of the Ashes coming home and any possibility that England might be taken seriously in Australia this winter. Even to those inured by a decade of inadequacy, this was among the most disillusioning of days, exposing as risible the notion that the gap between these teams is narrowing.

As so often before, England undermined days of diligence with minutes of madness. In Perth, a fortnight ago, they lost the second Test on the first morning and spent the next two days on a vain retrieval mission. Here, by way of a change, two days of valiant, combative cricket were squandered in an hour of abject fatalism.



Hussain: stranded on 89

The welfare and atmosphere of the team has been improved beyond measure and it cannot be pretended that there are better-qualified players left unselected. Yet, for the umpteenth time, Ashes optimism has been destroyed by realisation that Australia's cricket, mentally and technically, is so overwhelmingly stronger that they will take all the critical sessions.

It is rare for a game to pass without an England batting collapse, but the circumstances made yesterday's debacle a singularly sour vintage. There had been much to admire in England's stoicism, both when forced to field on a first day of debilitating heat and then when their top-order batting was dismantled by a blend of ill-luck and ill-judgment.

This, though, was the game that they simply had to survive, so such resolution should have been taken on trust. An hour into the third day, with the fourth-wicket stand between Nasser Hussain and Mark Ramprakash past 100, even the most cynical and faint-hearted had begun to believe that it might be sustained long enough for England to draw, win or, at the very least, compete. It was a sorry deception.

When Ramprakash was out, after another innings indicative of his new self-assurance, England reacted as if paralysed by fear and expectation. Their last seven wickets fell for 40, the last five tumbling within 19 balls. Hussain was abandoned on 89 by tailenders bankrupt of runs and defiance and Australia, who would have felt content with a lead of 70, suddenly had almost 100 more runs to play with.

Inevitably, the remainder of the day seemed an irrelevance, played out to a 20,000 crowd subdued into mute acceptance of an old and familiar plot. England needed to bowl Australia out for fewer than 150 to salvage any remote hope of victory and, instead, that score was reached for the loss of a single wicket. Two more dropped catches — making an unforgivable aggregate of 15 in the series — compounded England's grief and with so much time still available on a pitch tailored for leg spin, there is no obvious escape route.

The mood had been so different on Saturday, when England kept Australia below 400 and batted pleasingly in response. Two of the wickets lost were controversial, the third reiterated just how inadequate Alec Stewart can be made to look when he has to begin his innings against spin bowling.

Stewart's fifth nought of the tour came through thrusting woodenly and flat-footedly at the off spin of Colin Miller and it raises once more the subject of his place in the batting order. He cannot return to opening, partly through the burden of his own duties but chiefly because it would compromise strengths for the benefit of a weakness, so serious thought must be given to him batting at No 6.

Mark Butcher might have been unluckily adjudged leg-before to Miller, though he had no business to be shouldering arms, and Atherton was in his best form of the series until nudging a leg break from Stuart MacGill to slip. Mark Taylor scooped up the catch and appeared to claim it as clean, but as neither on-field umpire was sure, and Atherton was disinclined to walk, the decision was referred.

Paul Angley, the third umpire, dispatched Atherton with summary speed but among those who watched a dozen replays, arguments continued. England's immediate protest, put in writing to the match referee by Graham Gooch, the manager, related to the manner of adjudication and the inexperience of Angley, though whether it was wise to invite accusations of whingeing is debatable.

From 84 for three, England received forthright nourishment from their two most productive batsmen of the tour. Neither man allowed the spinners to dominate and, yesterday morning, it was a delight to see the bare-headed Ramprakash swing Miller for two on-side sixes as he completed his fifty.

Taylor, though, summoned Glenn McGrath to instant effect, extra bounce finding Ramprakash's edge and Mark Waugh taking the catch at second slip. Then, with alarming haste, the retreat was under way. Crawley, who has become an immense disappointment, lost his off stump offering a limp bat and leaden feet to McGrath. Hick, who at least looked to counter-attack, drove stiffly at a leg break and edged it to slip. The rest is painful to relate.

England can be said to have four No 11s and three of them were out without scoring — Headley and Such to the first balls they received and Mullally, after a brief flirtation with the middle of the bat, for his fourth consecutive Test nought. Gough struck two resounding blows but was then thoughtlessly given too much of a MacGill over when Hussain took a single. Remarkably, Hussain repeated the aberration by taking one off the first ball of the next over and Fleming quickly mopped up the last two wickets.

The rest of the day was as dire as England could have imagined. Their one wicket came by courtesy of Taylor playing no stroke against Such — almost a replica of Butcher's dismissal — and Justin Langer, who scored a century in the first innings, was put down by both Butcher and Stewart, on three and seven respectively.

England's spinners, full and part-time, obtained nothing like the assistance gleaned by MacGill, and Michael Slater made serene progress towards another century. I even found a few Australians shaking their heads with regret at the one-sidedness of it all.

GRAHAM CHADWICK / ALLSPORT



Crawley, having made five, looks back to see that his off stump has been laid flat by McGrath during the third-day collapse in Adelaide

## Sri Lanka pair face battle for fitness

ARAVINDA DE SILVA, the Sri Lanka vice-captain, and Muttiah Muralitharan, the spin bowler, are struggling to be fit for the trip to Australia next month, cricket officials said yesterday.

The pair had earlier been given until December 23 to pass a fitness test to qualify but officials said their participation in the triangular series that includes Australia and England remained doubtful.

Muralitharan, who was injured during the mini World Cup in Bangladesh, could come face to face with Darrell Hair, the Australian umpire, if he does make the trip. Hair withdrew from officiating at any Sri Lankan matches after he criticised Muralitharan's action, stating that he would not hesitate to no ball the spinner unless he corrected his "diabolical" action.

India, playing Wellington in their last fixture before the first Test against New Zealand starting in Dunedin on Friday, looked far from ready for the big occasion yesterday. After bowling out Wellington for 317, they struggled to reach 219 for seven at the close of the second day. Rahul Dravid made a composed 50 and Saurav Ganguly was unbeaten on 68.

Even allowing for the absence of Mohammed Azharuddin and Sachin Tendulkar, their two leading batsmen, India's display was generally lacklustre against a Wellington attack which, although tidy, was far from menacing.

Ajay Jadeja, whose last Test appearance was in July 1997 against Sri Lanka, would seem to have clinched a place as an opener for the Test — alongside Navjot Sidhu — by scoring 46. Venkat Laxman, his rival for the role, made an unconvincing 28. Jadeja hit six hearty fours off the back foot during a second-wicket partnership of 73 with Dravid before being brilliantly caught at third slip by Gavin Larsen, off Robert Kennedy.

In the morning, India took an hour to capture Wellington's three remaining wickets. Richard Petrie made 48 before top-edging a pull off Debasish Mohanty.

# Gooch's team exposed to the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth

MICHAEL HENDERSON



In Adelaide

PERJURY. That's the most appropriate word for it. England have told the Australian public that they are better prepared than any touring team of the past; that they are happy in their cricket and each other's company; that the defeat at Perth was merely the prelude to happier times. As seven wickets tumbled in the hour before lunch on the third day of the third Test here, the public they have deceived laughed in their face. Roared.

"Wanted", a banner in the meadow at deep mid-wicket proclaimed, "blood donors for the England cricket team". The blood, it went on, "must have high concentration level, high skill level, high pride level. Donors without these requirements need not apply". And that, like it or lump it, is how this team is perceived. A team of losers, short of skill, boldness and initiative.

Unless a storm of Brisbane proportions floods the ground in the next two days, or, almost as likely, England bat as if their lives depend on the outcome, they will go to Melbourne two Tests down, with the Ashes remaining in Skippy's pouch. Their abject batting here, after Ramprakash and Hussain had shared a century stand, condemns them by their own hand.

What the dickens was Crawley doing, having his off stump flattened by a straight ball from McGrath? As for Hick, snaffled at slip as he aimed a swat through mid-wicket off a bowler he would lift over the sightscreen at New Road, what is there to say? Little, save this: England's tail in this innings began at No 6. It's not funny. It's an embarrassment.

For that matter, what was the England management playing at, registering an official complaint about the third umpire's hasty decision to give Atherton out, caught at slip, on Saturday? Such ploys do not sit well in Australia and, in any case, there were visible grounds for saying that Taylor's catch was good.

You want to know how strong Australian cricket is, in relation to the atrophied English game? Here goes. A player as feckless as Chris Lewis has played 32 Tests. A player as good as Stuart Law has played but one. England persist with people who are no earthly good because they struggle to find better. Australia cannot find room for outstanding players because there are too many good 'uns blocking the path.

So Hick is restored to the team after eight years of modest achievement, soothed by words of praise. "He's bound to do it this time". Of course he won't. And Crawley, a good player with a flaw on and around off stump, is reduced to a gibbering wreck every time he takes guard.

On a pitch turning so extravagantly that Australia have made 150 runs in their second innings for the loss of one wicket, England contrived to lose their last five in four overs. Eight players scored fewer than ten. Four men made ducks, including Mullally for the fourth successive innings and Stewart for the fifth time on tour.

Team England, as we are encouraged to call them, have an army of helpers that seems to grow by the month. The backroom team assembled by the England and Wales Cricket Board involves everybody except a candlestick-maker — and the way things are going, Graham Gooch will be polishing the candelabra before long. He seems to do everything else on this tour, except toss up.

"Team England", indeed! The best teams comprise players who can bat for hours, bowl straight and hold catches. England have some good ones — Stewart, Atherton, Hussain and the injured Thorpe spring to mind, as well as Gough and Fraser. Australia, on the other hand, have half a dozen great ones.

In the past six series, including this one, Australia's batsmen have scored 39 hundreds to England's 17; their bowlers taken five wickets in an innings 32 times to England's 11.

This match is merely following a well-established pattern. If England play well, they may carry the game into a fifth afternoon. In the meantime, instead of erecting a screen of bull, wouldn't it be nice if somebody dared to tell the truth?

## SCOREBOARD FROM ADELAIDE

Australia won toss.

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings

| | |
|---|---|
| M J Slater c Stewart b Headley | 17 (52min, 37 balls, 1 four) |
| *M A Taylor c Hussain b Such | 59 (186min, 124 balls, 5 fours) |
| J L Langer not out | 179 (491min, 351 balls, 13 fours) |
| M E Waugh c and b Such | 7 (35min, 30 balls) |
| S R Waugh c Hick b Gough | 59 (148min, 109 balls, 1 six, 4 fours) |
| R T Ponting c Hick b Gough | 5 (33min, 28 balls) |
| †I A Healy c Ramprakash b Headley | 13 (39min, 27 balls, 1 four) |
| D W Fleming lbw b Headley | 12 (29min, 22 balls, 2 fours) |
| S C G MacGill b Such | 0 (5min, 4 balls) |
| C R Miller lbw b Headley | 11 (13min, 9 balls, 2 fours) |
| G D McGrath c Stewart b Gough | 10 (47min, 27 balls, 1 four) |
| Extras (lb 6, nb 13) | 19 |
| Total (125.5 overs, 544min) | 391 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28 (Taylor 7), 2-140 (Langer 54), 3-156 (Langer 61), 4-264 (Langer 107), 5-274 (Langer 110), 6-311 (Langer 134), 7-338 (Langer 148), 8-339 (Langer 149), 9-354 (Langer 153).

BOWLING: Gough 28.5-4-103-3 (nb 6; 9 fours; 8-2-21-0, 2-0-19-0, 5-0-17-0, 3-0-12-0, 7-2-21-2, 2-0-3-0, 2.5-0-10-1); Mullally 26-5-59-0 (4 fours; 4-0-8-0, 5-0-14-0, 2-2-0-0, 1-0-5-0, 1-1-0-0, 4-0-11-0, 1-0-1-0, 8-2-20-0); Headley 23-1-97-4 (nb 6, 5 fours; 6-0-27-1, 2-0-14-0, 1-0-4-0, 1-0-5-0, 3-0-12-0, 1-0-2-0, 9-1-33-3); Such 38-8-99-3 (nb 1, 1 six, 9 fours, 4-2-2-0, 18-4-43-2, 5-1-12-0, 8-1-31-1, 3-0-11-0); Ramprakash 9-1-27-0 (2 fours, 1-0-2-0, 4-0-15-0, 4-1-10-0).

SCORING NOTES: Second Day: Lunch: 361-9 (116 overs, 505min; Langer 157, McGrath 3) All out at 2.19pm

**ENGLAND:** First innings

| | |
|---|---|
| M A Butcher lbw b Miller | 6 (46min, 35 balls) |
| M A Atherton c Taylor b MacGill | 41 (108min, 92 balls, 2 fours) |
| N Hussain not out | 89 (262min, 204 balls, 8 fours) |
| *†A J Stewart c Slater b Miller | 0 (3min, 3 balls) |
| M R Ramprakash c M E Waugh b McGrath | 61 (134min, 120 balls, 2 sixes, 8 fours) |
| J P Crawley b McGrath | 5 (24min, 20 balls, 1 four) |
| G A Hick c Taylor b MacGill | 8 (17min, 16 balls, 2 fours) |
| D W Headley lbw b MacGill | 0 (2min, 1 ball) |
| D Gough c Healy b MacGill | 7 (8min, 5 balls, 1 four) |
| A D Mullally b Fleming | 0 (4min, 5 balls) |
| P M Such lbw b Fleming | 0 (1min, 1 ball) |
| Extras (lb 1, lb 3, w 1, nb 5) | 10 |
| Total (82.5 overs, 310min) | 227 |



Slater: in command

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18 (Atherton 6), 2-83 (Hussain 29), 3-84 (Hussain 30), 4-187 (Hussain 69), 5-195 (Hussain 72), 6-210 (Hussain 79), 7-210 (Hussain 79), 8-226 (Hussain 88), 9-227 (Hussain 89).

BOWLING: McGrath 18-4-49-2 (nb 5, w 1, 5 fours, 8-2-19-0, 6-0-22-0, 5-2-7-2); Fleming 10.5-2-34-2 (4 fours, 5-2-4-0, 3-0-18-0, 2.5-0-12-2); Miller 23-5-71-2 (2 sixes, 5 fours, 13-1-48-2, 10-5-23-0); MacGill 28-6-83-4 (4 fours, 23-6-84-1, 5-0-19-3). M E Waugh 3-0-17-0 (2 fours, one spell).

SCORING NOTES: Second Day: Tea: 40-1 (18 overs, 71min Atherton 16, Hussain 11). Stumps: 160-3 (52 overs, 193min, Hussain 58, Ramprakash 45) Third Day: all out at 12.57pm (lunch taken, England's last seven wickets fell for 40 runs off 84 balls

**AUSTRALIA:** Second innings

| | |
|---|---|
| *M A Taylor lbw b Such | 29 (88min, 71 balls, 3 fours) |
| M J Slater not out | 74 (242min, 158 balls, 1 six, 5 fours) |
| J L Langer not out | 34 (154min, 133 balls, 1 four) |
| Extras (lb 10, w 1, nb 2) | 13 |
| Total (1 wkt, 60 overs, 242min) | 150 |

M E Waugh, S R Waugh, R T Ponting, †I A Healy, D W Fleming, C R Miller, S C G MacGill and G D McGrath to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-54 (Slater 17)

BOWLING: Gough 10-2-28-0 (1 four, 6-2-14-0, 4-0-14-0); Mullally 11-4-12-0 (7-3-7-0, 4-1-5-0); Headley 11-1-42-0 (nb 2, 5 fours; 8-1-33-0, 3-0-9-0); Such 16-3-32-1 (w 1, 2 fours, 8-1-14-1, 6-2-7-0, 2-0-11-0); Ramprakash 11-1-25-0 (1 six, 1 four; 1-1-0-0, 10-0-25-0); Hick 1-0-1-0.

SCORING NOTES: Third Day: Tea: 75-1 (30 overs, 121min, Slater 30, Langer 7)

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and S J Davis. Third umpire: P M Angley. Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand)

SERIES DETAILS: First (Brisbane) Drawn. Second (Perth) Australia won by 7 wickets

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# Unsavoury worms continue to wriggle out of the can

FROM ALAN LEE IN ADELAIDE

WITH each day that passes, the door to cricket's murky secrets is opened a little wider. As player after player admits to approaches from bookmakers intent on corrupting the game, the issue is no longer the morality of a few individuals, but the credibility of all cricket being played on the Indian subcontinent and the threat to public trust worldwide.

The fall-out from exposure of four-year-old aberrations by Shane Warne and Mark Waugh intensified yesterday, with confirmation that their confessions have delayed and undermined the first judicial inquiry into match-fixing in Pakistan. This has severely dented the prospects of cleaning up the game and reflects shame on those who sanctioned the initial cover-up.

Any delusion that English players have been exempted from the attentions of the bookmakers was destroyed by news that several were approached before the limited-overs tournament in Sharjah a year ago. Adam Hollioake, England's victorious captain for that event, and Dougie Brown have both related being offered money for information.

There is no suggestion that any England player accepted bookmakers' money, though some now question the validity of certain results in that competition. "I have been left with an empty feeling about it," Hollioake, who is at present in Perth, said. Cricket in Sharjah, it seems, is profoundly infected by the influence of the betting cultures of India and Dubai, where odds are offered on anything from the toss to the order of bowlers, and all recent events there must be regarded with grave suspicion. Despite this, England remain intent on returning next April for a pre-World Cup event which, intriguingly, also involves India and Pakistan.



Hollioake: empty feeling

The reaction to the falling of two Australian heroes continues apace. Some of it is ludicrously pious, such as the assertion of Salim Malik that it proves his innocence of match-fixing and the phoney moralising of the two newspapers who have made capital out of sacking Warne as a columnist.

Some is more significant, such as the dilemma now faced by the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) over the status of the pair within the national team. Pressure is growing for Warne to be stripped of the vice-captaincy of the one-day side, a situation not helped by the natural next in line being Mark Waugh.

The damage to the inquiry in Pakistan is the deepest disappointment and nothing is likely to be improved by the issuing of a summons for Warne and Waugh to appear in Lahore on December 19. An ACB spokesman said last night that they had not yet received the summons and that they would not be instructing either player to attend.

Details of the ACB's own inquiry into the issue are due to be announced at the end of the Adelaide Test match and the International Cricket Council must take its own, concerted action when the national delegates meet in New Zealand next month.

# Frustration for Pakistan as fog sets in

*LAHORE (fourth day of five): Zimbabwe, with all second-innings wickets in hand, trail Pakistan by 94 runs*

A MAGNIFICENT maiden century by Yousuf Yohanna helped Pakistan to gain a 142-run lead in the second Test against Zimbabwe, before bad weather foiled his side's hopes of victory and levelling the series. Heavy fog and overcast conditions again marred proceedings, with only 45 overs bowled on the fourth day. No play was possible after tea.

Gavin Rennie and Grant Flower, the Zimbabwe opening batsmen, survived some hostile, but erratic bowling by Wasim Akram and Shoaib Akhter before the close. Zimbabwe, 1-0 up in three-match series after their seven-wicket win in the first Test at Peshawar, will be content if the weather remains the same on the final day. Pakistan, who had resumed on 211 for five, declared on 325 for nine. Yousuf hitting 14 boundaries in his unbeaten 120.

"I was told to stay at the wicket and that I did. I am happy that I have scored my first century in my own city," the 24-year-old said.

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# No salvation for West Indies as Lara confesses his sins

*PORT ELIZABETH (third day of five): South Africa beat West Indies by 178 runs*

FROM THRASY PETROPOULOS IN PORT ELIZABETH

FOR more than two hours after a second, humiliating defeat by South Africa, the West Indies team remained locked behind closed doors. A tour that appears to have been ill-fated from the start had reached crisis point, and home truths were exchanged between players in an effort to salvage lost pride, if nothing more.

Another shameful batting collapse on Saturday, symptomatic of a divided and dispirited squad, saw West Indies succumb within three days by the margin of 178 runs in the second Test.

It was the manner of the defeat which was of greatest disappointment. On a pitch that assisted the bowlers from the first day, a target of 320 was always likely to prove beyond them. But the lack of discipline and application by the batsmen in capitulating to 141 all out was a repetition of their first-innings 121 and, plainly, an insult to the tireless efforts of Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh, who shared 15 out of the 18 South Africa wickets to fall to the bowlers.

Jonty Rhodes clearly showed with a patient 64 — the only half-century of the match — that, with the requisite concentration, runs were attainable.

Brian Lara offered no excuses after the team meeting. "It's been a very serious talk," he said. "Guys who are normally very quiet and sit in the corner have been asked if they have something to say because it's only going to be for the betterment of the team. We are very disappointed with our performance, in this match in particular. A lot of praise must go to the efforts of Curtly and Courtney, who have done us proud again. It just shows that two world-class performers do not make up a team.

"Looking at my performances, you can't say that's the Brian Lara of four or five years ago — or Carl Hooper or Chanderpaul — reliable people. We have to realise that we are the guys who are not giving 100 per cent. The same team beat England 3-1 and there is no reason why we cannot put up a proper fight. That's not what we are doing at present and that's what we plan to do. We are not going to embarrass ourselves any further."

By contrast Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, was able to reflect on successive victories in this five-match series and announce an unchanged squad of twelve for the third Test, starting on Boxing Day, in Durban.

Of further concern for the West Indies was the health of Philo Wallace, who withdrew from the team on the morning of the match. Initial fears of hepatitis or jaundice have been discounted. Glandular fever is his more likely ailment.

## SCOREBOARD

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 245 (Walsh 4 for 86)

Second innings (143-5)

| | |
|---|---|
| J N Rhodes b Ambrose | 64 |
| S M Pollock c Dillon b Ambrose | 42 |
| † M Boucher c Hooper b Ambrose | 1 |
| P L Symcox c Lambert b Ambrose | 16 |
| A A Donald b Walsh | 11 |
| D Terbrugge not out | 3 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 9) | 15 |
| Total (68.5 overs) | 195 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-9, 3-11, 4-47, 5-53, 6-145, 7-151, 8-173, 9-183

BOWLING: Ambrose 19-4-51-6, Walsh 23.5-5-58-3, Dillon 9-2-26-0, Hooper 7-0-35-0, McLean 5-0-19-0

**WEST INDIES:** First innings 121 (Pollock 5 for 43).

Second innings

| | |
|---|---|
| C B Lambert c Boucher b Donald | 9 |
| S Chanderpaul c Kallis b Pollock | 16 |
| I R D Jacobs lbw b Kallis | 25 |
| C L Hooper run out | 3 |
| *B C Lara c Kirsten b Donald | 33 |
| F L Reifer c Cullinan b Donald | 6 |
| N A M McLean run out | 1 |
| S C Williams lbw b Donald | 6 |
| C E L Ambrose c Pollock b Donald | 16 |
| M Dillon b Pollock | 5 |
| C A Walsh not out | 0 |
| Extras (lb 2, nb 9) | 11 |
| Total (38.3 overs) | 141 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-40, 3-54, 4-57, 5-68, 6-69, 7-77, 8-132, 9-141.

BOWLING: Donald 14.2-4-49-5, Pollock 13-1-46-2, Kallis 6-2-17-1, Terbrugge 5-1-27-0

## Uplifted Kidd has team on new track

BLACKBURN ROVERS 0
NEWCASTLE UNITED 0
by Stephen Wood

THERE was never any question of Brian Kidd, the Blackburn Rovers manager, emitting anything but positive vibes. They had missed a penalty, a handful of other opportunities and contributed in full to a thoroughly dull afternoon, but Kidd retained his sense of perspective. Indeed, he had every right to, for the wider implications of his first week in charge at Ewood Park were worth more than two dropped points.

The respect of the players, the knowledge that they want what he wants, is of paramount importance to Kidd. The easiest way to criticise Roy Hodgson, the manager whose sacking preceded Kidd's appointment, was to condemn his relationship with the players. Hodgson has since refuted suggestions that he lost their trust, but there is little doubt that the team had lost its way.

Already there appears to be a stronger sense of direction about Blackburn. For five working days last week, Kidd drilled his playing staff for the first time on the training ground. Evidence of success was clear on Saturday.

On the field, the defence looked at ease for the first time this season, while, off it, players spoke confidently about the fresh start that they were enjoying. Chris Sutton and Tim Sherwood, arguably the two men who can make or break Kidd's managerial leap of faith, have stated that they are open-minded about their futures.

"It is difficult for everyone at the club, because of our predicament, but they managed to forget their nerves and we dominated the match. It was frustrating not to win, but at least we took something from the game," he said.

Kevin Davies, the Blackburn striker, hit the crossbar and forced a magnificent save from Steve Harper, the Newcastle goalkeeper, in the second half, but they would not have mattered if Jeff Kenna had dispatched a penalty. With seventeen minutes remaining, Sherwood actually put the ball in the visitors' net, but the referee had blown for a foul inside the area on Nathan Blake. Kenna placed his spot-kick against the base of the post.

Newcastle were devoid of ideas. Alan Shearer was out injured again, while Duncan Ferguson was contained by Stephane Henchoz, the Blackburn defender. Ruud Gullit, the Newcastle manager, is having some difficulty getting through to what is an average Newcastle team, and the irritation is beginning to show.

"It was a bad performance," he said. "I am not happy with a point, because some of the players just disappeared for half of the match. That is not good enough."

**BLACKBURN ROVERS** (4-4-2): A Flowers — J Kenna, S Henchoz, C Daily, C Davidson — D Johnson, T Sherwood, B McKinlay, J Wilcox — N Blake, K Davies
**NEWCASTLE UNITED** (3-5-2): S Harper — L Charvet, A Hughes (sub: T Kelsey, 62 mins), S Howey — N Solano, D Hamann, G Speed, S Glass (sub: G Georgiadis, 84) W Barton — D Ferguson, A Andersson (sub: N Dabizas, 62)
**Referee:** R Harris

**FA Carling Premiership:** Tottenham return by air after conceding two early goals

# Vulnerable United caught short

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 2
MANCHESTER UNITED 2
by Kevin McCarra


KIERAN DOHERTY
Neville, left, of Manchester United, is about to get his marching orders from Rennie, the referee, after flooring Ginola at White Hart Lane

WITH the rescue operation conducted in pairs, it appeared that Noah, rather than George Graham, was in charge at White Hart Lane. Two free kicks by Darren Anderton, two headers by Sol Campbell, two goals for Tottenham Hotspur, two points removed from opponents who thought they were about to win. For Manchester United, the repetitiveness of their vulnerability was as galling as the result.

On a day of duplication, it was fitting that the dismissal of Gary Neville, their defender, should result from a brace of yellow cards, the second of them awarded, in the 39th minute, after he had pulled back David Ginola. By then, Alex Ferguson's side were 2-0 ahead and the decrease in numbers does not wholly explain their inability to shepherd a lead to the final whistle.

Set-pieces ought not to have been such a terror. Even if they were a player short, United could bring every man back and prepare to form a log-jam in the goalmouth, but that impasse was never created. The equaliser, in stoppage time, was scarcely a complete surprise, since the pace and swerve of Anderton's delivery can turn the smallest fissure into a chasm.

United must be maddened, all the same, that goals are being frequently conceded in so elementary a fashion. Their sophisticated operations are thwarted by howlers.

It is as if Einstein had missed out on the theory of relativity because he kept on bungling his arithmetic. The analogy is grandiose, but, at their best, United left Tottenham minds boggling over questions of space and time.

How did the visitors cover the ground at such speed, on the counter-attack, to notch their goals? The accuracy created the velocity.

In the eleventh minute, the ball was pinged from Nicky Butt to Ryan Giggs to David Beckham and when Giggs's header from his perfect cross was parried by Ian Walker, the goalkeeper, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer netted the rebound.

After United had snatched possession, the Norwegian scored again six minutes later, stepping in front of Campbell to fire home the low ball from Beckham. The form of Ferguson's side was as hot as their mood was fiery.

Graham was taken aback by the combativeness of United, as if the role properly filled by his own players had been filched from them. Once again, though, a sense of adventure was not enough for the Old Trafford team.

In the Champions' League, they had led in all four games with Barcelona and Bayern Munich, yet failed to win a single match. There is an appealing blend when the smaller and more nimble Gary Neville is placed beside Jaap Stam at centre back, but there are occasions when United lack inches when they come under aerial attack.

Ferguson's reservations were set down in the team selection for the match with Bayern at the Olympic Stadium, when Teddy Sheringham, the 6ft forward, was picked with a view to assisting the defence at corner kicks. At White Hart Lane, the manager shifted Neville to right back and, initially, paired Stam with Ronny Johnsen, but he is no closer to finding a satisfactory arrangement. With Peter Schmeichel, the goalkeeper, tentative when advancing for crosses, the back four is twitchy.

Although Campbell leapt above Stam for Tottenham's first goal, in the seventieth minute, the Dutchman has the necessary physical presence and the problem for Ferguson lies in the disposal of forces around him. United's unease, of course, was also implanted by Graham's players and, in particular, Ginola. The most impressive aspect of the Frenchman's resurgence is his refusal to be distracted and derailed.

United players complained that he was diving and Johnsen squabbled with the winger, but Ginola's mind remained clear. Whenever he collected the ball, there was a directness to his artistry as he dedicated himself to unravelling the right flank of the visitors. His part in the goals was a small one, with the foul collected from which Campbell began the revival, but he corroded United's poise. Tottenham, under Graham, remain unbeaten at home and, if the circumstances could only be ignored, Ferguson might regard as tolerable the draw that took his club to the top of the FA Carling Premiership, on Saturday evening, for the first time since March.

As it was, United were querulous about Uriah Rennie, a referee who coped reasonably well with a fast and fractious match.

Once calm has returned, they will have to make more searching analysis of themselves. Newspaper speculation concerns a £14 million bid for Rio Ferdinand, the West Ham United centre back, and the identification of Neil Sullivan, the Wimbledon goalkeeper, as Schmeichel's successor.

The accuracy of the report is yet to be established, but they identify truthfully the areas of the team that most trouble United.

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**TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR** (4-4-2): I Walker — S Carr, S Campbell, L Young, A Sinton — R Fox (sub: R Allen, 82min), D Anderton, A Nielsen, D Ginola — J Ferdinand, C Armstrong.
**MANCHESTER UNITED** (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — G Neville, R Johnsen, J Stam, P Neville — D Beckham, N Butt, R Keane, R Giggs (sub: J Blomqvist, 88) — E Sheringham (sub: A Cole, 74), O G Solskjaer (sub: H Berg, 46).
**Referee:** U Rennie.

# Riley makes life tougher than ever for Forest

LEICESTER CITY 3
NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1
by Keith Pike

HAVING spent most of the Nineties studiously avoiding each other in public, like neighbours in dispute over a communal fence, Leicester City and Nottingham Forest can begin to prepare for another temporary cessation of hostilities. As they departed Filbert Street on Saturday, Forest might just as well have left a forwarding address marked "Nationwide League". They are surely doomed.

Not that the team is wholly without merit: Dave Bassett had demanded more effort and commitment from players that he had branded "fairies", and his plea was clearly heard. Forest, it seemed, performed as willingly and as well as they have done during three dire months, maybe as well as they are capable of. But still it was not enough, undone as they were by two refereeing decisions that hovered somewhere between controversial and hugely debatable. And if a team lacks luck as well as the necessary ability, there is only one outcome.

It is now 14 matches since Forest last won in the league and unless they can take three points against Blackburn Rovers at the City Ground next Saturday, or from Old Trafford on Boxing Day, they will equal the record for the longest FA Carling Premiership sequence without a victory. The present holders? Nottingham Forest, two seasons ago. Relegation was their fate.

They will also have to do without the services of their best, although hardly best-loved, player for three matches after Pierre van Hooijdonk's 55th-minute sending-off for a late touchline — dugout side — challenge on Steve Walsh. Neither manager professed to have seen the incident — how strange that they can often spot a player straying three millimetres offside half a mile away in thick fog — but Mike Riley, the referee, deemed it worthy of instant expulsion when a yellow card might have been a more suitable punishment.

With Leicester having benefited already from the award of a contentious penalty, it would be fair to say that Forest, kicked twice before they were officially down, were not best pleased with the official. The fact remains, though, that of two of English football's so-called yo-yo clubs, with three relegations and four promotions between them in six completed Premiership seasons, only one has discovered the secret of an end to eternal strife: Leicester's buys — Elliott, Izzet, Lennon — have been that much better than Forest's (Shipperley, Freedman, Quashie).

The turning point in this match, both managers agreed, was Riley's decision to penalise Johnson for handball eight minutes into the second half. Van Hooijdonk having given Forest the lead courtesy of Walsh's error and Harewood's cross, and Heskey having equalised out of the blue just before the break.

There seemed little that Johnson could do when Bart Williams's attempted clearance struck him at close range, but both Reilly's interpretation and Elliott's penalty were unforgiving. When Guppy curled in Leicester's third, Forest accepted that it was not to be their day.

**LEICESTER CITY** (3-5-2): K Keller — P Kaamark, R Ullathorne, S Walsh (sub: G Fenton, 75min) — A Impey, T Zagorakis (sub: R Savage, 68), N Lennon, M Izzet, S Guppy — E Heskey (sub: G Parker, 86), M Elliott
**NOTTINGHAM FOREST** (3-5-2): D Beasant — J Mattsson, S Chettle, J O Hylde (sub: D Freedman, 73) — S Stone, A Johnson, S Gemmill, S Bart-Williams, A Rogers — M Harewood (sub: N Shipperley, 80), P van Hooijdonk.
**Referee:** M Riley

# Carbone shows Curbishley how hard it is to be equal

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 3
CHARLTON ATHLETIC 0
by Martin Woods

ALL men are born equal, but some are more equal than others. It's so unfair. Ask the second man who walked on the moon. Or Alan Curbishley, the Charlton Athletic manager. "I think in general there wasn't much difference apart from the finishing. It was an excellent finish and he's had a fantastic week."

Curbishley was paying tribute to the little magician who wears the No.8 jersey for Sheffield Wednesday and trades under the name of Benito Carbone, master footballer. Carbone scored Wednesday's second, a powerful drive from 25 yards out, laid on their third for Petter Rudi, was booked for lecturing the referee on the skulduggery of the Charlton defence, and generally mesmerised the Premiership novices.

Danny Wilson, the Wednesday manager who abandoned an apprenticeship in alchemy when he left Barnsley in Nationwide League limbo, is uniquely qualified to recognise a precious metal from its base counterparts. "The second goal typified the mood Benny's in at the moment. A fantastic goal and, if I'm honest, I think that bit of class again separated the two teams," Wilson said. "Maybe 3-0 flattered us a little. The first hour was pretty even. They got at us, unsettled us, stopped us passing, which was expected, but we kept our shape well and Benny's popped up with a fantastic goal again for us."

Charlton have now lost their past four games and although Curbishley denied suggestions of a crisis, keeping his side locked in the dressing-room for an hour and a half after the game was hardly the behaviour of a manager exuding faith in his charges. "I don't see our backs against the walls, I don't see our last-ditch tackles. I don't see my goalie making fantastic saves. What I do see is quite an even game for most of it, only for us to be undone by an outrageous mistake," he said.

The mistake was the first goal after thirteen minutes, the Charlton defence ball-watching as Emerson Thome headed back Powell's cross to Andy Booth, who turned and fired past Sasa Ilic.

The goal failed to settle Wednesday and Charlton, inspired by Mark Kinsella, their captain, continued to take the game to Wednesday. Unfortunately, Andy Hunt and Steve Jones, their front two, came up against an imperious Des Walker and an uncompromising Thome.

The crowd's disaffection with Wednesday was beginning to bubble over when Carbone struck after 64 minutes. Charlton were stunned, the stadium delirious. Wednesday, at last, could start to play.

Charlton's best chance came in the 71st minute, when Hunt escaped from Walker, but Pavel Srnicek saved well. By then, Charlton's heads were beginning to drop and Wednesday were beginning to enjoy themselves. In the 76th minute, Rudi sealed the victory by volleying Carbone's cross beyond Ilic.

"When Benny puts in performances like that, there's nobody better in the Premiership," Wilson said. As Curbishley knows, the second man to walk on the moon went straight back down again.

**SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY** (4-4-2): P Srnicek — P Atherton, D Walker, E Thome, A Hinchcliffe — N Alexandersson (sub: L Bilcocq, 58min), D Sonner, W Jonk, P Rudi (sub: D Stefanovic, 78) — A Booth, B Carbone.
**CHARLTON ATHLETIC** (4-4-2): S Ilic — D Mills, R Rufus, E Youds, C Powell — J Robinson, M Kinsella, N Redleam (sub: K Jones, 71), S Newton (sub: A Barness, 71) — A Hunt (sub: C Mendonca, 78), S Jones.
**Referee:** D Gallagher

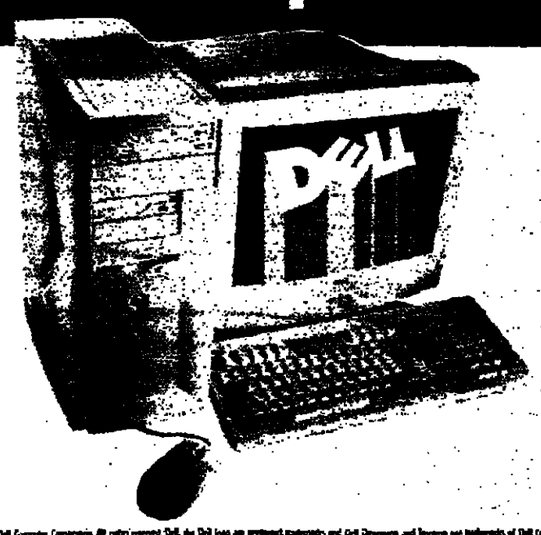
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**FA Carling Premiership:** Defeat by Wimbledon completes bad week for Liverpool

# Owen misses his penalty prize

MICHAEL OWEN was whisked straight from Selhurst Park to the BBC Sports Personality of the Year awards last night, but he will not have been in the mood to deliver a charming acceptance speech.

Prizes for popularity come second to winning football matches for this most competitive of teenagers, but the Liverpool striker missed a penalty to condemn his team to their third defeat in a week.

Out of Europe after their midweek loss to Celta Vigo, the Anfield club may soon be running out of routes back to the continent unless they can bring a quick end to a run of eight defeats in 11 games. This reverse left them in the bottom half of the FA Carling Premiership and while they created enough chances to have won this match, Gerard Houllier's assertion that he was "proud" of his team seemed a rather desperate attempt to bolster waning morale.

"I've told the players that if they keep playing like that, they will get back to the top of the table," the Liverpool manager said, but that was to ignore the way they faded after a bright opening. If this was an improvement on recent performances as regular Liverpool watchers claimed, it only underlined the depths to which they have occasionally sunk.

By the time that Owen's penalty was saved by Neil Sullivan in the 78th minute, the spot kick controversially awarded against Andy Roberts for a push on Paul Ince, Liverpool were trailing to a goal from Robbie Earle that also stirred some debate.

The goal looked illegal, but we should have known that Liverpool's jittery defence would be in some way to blame.

The naked eye put Earle at least a yard offside as Gayle's mishit shot reached him, but television replays showed that Bjornebye had stepped up too late. Earle nonchalantly prodded the ball past James from eight yards.

It was a goal that had not looked likely for most of a first half in which Liverpool had dominated possession, their wing backs pushing forward unopposed to outnumber the Wimbledon midfield. Heggem, in particular, appeared to be relishing his freedom, making some buccaneering dashes upfield.

The Norwegian's attacking vigour created Liverpool's best opportunity from open play for Owen, but the England forward chipped the ball over Sullivan but wide of the post. It set the tone for an unusually frustrating afternoon for the England forward.

He, and the rest of the Liverpool side, were not helped by the fact that they were facing a goalkeeper in wonderful form. Neil Sullivan's contribution to Wimbledon's promising season has been rarely acclaimed, but he deserved as much praise as anybody yesterday and rightly won the man-of-the-match award by a landslide.

A one-handed save when Heggem's shot took a treacherous deflection after 19 minutes was even better than his dive to thwart Owen's penalty, and his assuredness must have made it far easier for his back four, in which Dean Blackwell was also excellent, to play with confidence.

They were cut open frequently in the opening period, but looked far more secure after half-time when the full backs pushed forward to stifle Heggem and Bjornebye.

With their penetration down the flanks reduced, Liverpool's flow of chances dried up and they were a frustrated bunch by the end. None more so than Ince, of course, who was predictably booked for dissent. The England midfield player will receive a one-match ban in the league to add to his ongoing suspensions in Europe and for England. Will he never learn?

Victory for Wimbledon saw them leap four points clear of Liverpool, and confidence is so high at Selhurst Park that they will be hopeful of finishing the season in that position.

It was another fine scalp for Joe Kinnear's side after recent victories at home to Arsenal and Chelsea. Jason Euell was again excellent in midfield, twice making a twit of Ince with clever turns, and they defended as resolutely as ever with Blackwell flinging himself at the feet of onrushing attackers.

For Liverpool, though, the suffering goes on. Redknapp and Ince continue to fail to dominate games, Fowler is not receiving proper service, and the defence is, well, the same as ever. When Owen is not firing as well, they really do have problems.

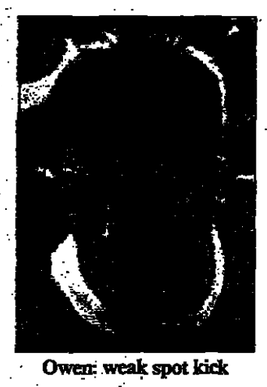
The boy wonder is 19 today, but one suspects any number of presents and a bauble from the BBC will still not him prevent him getting out of bed on the wrong side this morning after that weak spot kick.

WIMBLEDON 1
LIVERPOOL 0
by Matt Dickinson

WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): N Sullivan — K Cunningham, C Perry, D Blackwell, B Thatcher — N Ardley, R Earle, J Euell, M Hughes — C Leaburn (sub: E Ekoku, 62min), M Gayle (sub: A Roberts, 77)

LIVERPOOL (3-5-2): D James — J Carragher, S Staunton, P Babb — V Heggem, J Redknapp, P Ince, P Berger, S Bjornebye — R Fowler (sub: K Riedle, 60), M Owen.

Referee: G Willard


Owen: weak spot kick


MIKE HEWITT / ALLSPORT
Staunton buries his head in his hands after missing a good goalscoring opportunity for struggling Liverpool

# Gascoigne still offers reasons to be jolly

MIDDLESBROUGH 1
WEST HAM UNITED 0
by George Caulkin

THE legend is familiar to children of all ages. It concerns a podgy man who looks fetching in red, fabled for his bumbling joviality. The problem this chap has is that some wait so long for his sporadic appearances that when he finally turns up they are heartily sick of him. Paul Gascoigne, back to his best? Ho, ho, ho.

It is a story so old, with all twists of plot so recognisable, that it has turned into the most hoary of clichés. Like his festive counterpart, the Middlesbrough midfielder is regarded as little more than a caricature. Like that certain gentleman with the sack and reindeer, he is capable of the most wondrous of deliveries. For 45 minutes on Saturday, Gascoigne reworked the tale with magical ingenuity.

He was not quite perfect, for there was an occasion when he was caught in possession, but nothing else was wasted. He sprayed passes the breadth of the pitch and creating space where none was apparent. After his first week of full training since being discharged from a rehabilitation clinic, Gascoigne was described by Bryan Robson, his manager, as "the best player on the pitch".

To his team-mates, it was just as rewarding, for here is a rare talent prepared to get his hands dirty, willing, when necessary to take the simple option. "He has this great quality on the ball and can make the team play, but by the same token he's prepared to roll his sleeves up and muck in," Andy Townsend said.

Townsend's right-wing corner brought the only goal. Brian Deane drifting inside Rio Ferdinand to score with a firm header, and while both sides hit the woodwork — Steve Vickers for Middlesbrough and John Hartson for West Ham — Gascoigne carried the day.

Inevitably, thoughts turned to England. John Gorman, Glenn Hoddle's assistant, may have been at the Riverside Stadium, to assess Frank Lampard Jr, but Gascoigne cannot have escaped his attention.

"He'll do well to find anyone better," Townsend said. Perhaps the best present of all is on the horizon. Christmas, after all, is a time for giving.

MIDDLESBROUGH (3-5-2): M Schwarzer — C Cooper, S Vickers, G Pallister — R Stockdale (P Stamp, 85), R Mustoe, P Gascoigne, A Townsend, D Gordon — H Ricard (M Beck, 73), B Deane

WEST HAM UNITED: (4-4-2): S Hislop — S Potts, I Pearce, R Ferdinand, S Lazaridis (E Omoyinmi, 78) — T Sinclair, S Lomas, F Lampard, M Keller (J Moncur, 46) — J Hartson, I Wright

Referee: K Burge

# Chelsea's standing is still not enough for the top

NOTORIETY acquired in minutes can take years to lose. When a reputation is forged over time, it becomes so fixed in the public imagination as to go unquestioned. Despite mounting evidence to the contrary, there are still people who query the resolve of foreign players in an English winter, believe that Liverpool represent the ultimate in passing football and state that Chelsea are flawed with inconsistency.

Jim Smith, the Derby County manager, could not stifle a chuckle when this last point was raised after a climactic FA Carling Premiership game at Pride Park. "Well," he said, "Chelsea have gone 15 games unbeaten now. That seems pretty consistent to me."

Having entertained all of the realistic aspirants to the FA Carling Premiership title in recent weeks, bar Aston Villa, Smith's opinion that Chelsea are realistic title contenders must be treated with respect. "There is little to choose between Manchester United, Arsenal and Chelsea. I think it will go to the wire," Smith said. The fact that Derby have drawn against each of them appears to confirm his view.

Chelsea, however, came the closest of the three to securing full points. Leading 2-1 in the 89th minute, they stood within a minute of moving to the top of the league for the first time in nine years. Then, with the home side pressing men forward, Harper and Wanchope combined for Sturridge to equalise from close range.

The temperate reaction of Gianluca Vialli, the Chelsea manager, provided an insight into the confidence within his side. It was, he said, "a little bit disappointing", sounding for all the world as though Chelsea will arrive at the summit in good time. A man under less pressure became difficult to picture.

Smith described some of the movement of the visitors as "fantastic", adding: "It is all very well to say that you can get at them at the back, but they don't let you have the ball long enough to do that." None of the midfield players featured more prominently than Jody Morris, whose thoughtful performance belied his inexperience.

A pass that created his team's first goal, in the 53rd minute, was sublime, matched only by a lofted finish from Flo as Poom raced in vain towards the through ball. Morris conceded possession dearly and might have earned a penalty when he fell under the challenge of Prior.

"It is nice to see a young English player perform so well," Vialli said. Nice to get the chance, the 19-year-old would have been entitled to retort. Morris, who has considered requesting a transfer, does not expect to play against Manchester United at Old Trafford on Wednesday, when Desailly will be fit after a minor knee problem. "Jody would probably be a regular in almost all the other English teams," Vialli added.

Morris was also called upon defensively, with Derby roused by a morning newspaper article that Prior described as "very Chelsea, very arrogant, there was an arrogant assumption that they would be going to the top of the league". When Lambourde deflected a free kick from 30 yards by Carbonari beyond De Goey, a vibrant start received its due reward. So, too, did Smith, having backed the Argentine defender to score the first goal at 18-1.

Chelsea became more imposing for the introduction of Petrescu at half-time. Poyet shot underneath the dive of Poom four minutes after Flo had equalised, before Wanchope, who fashioned his best work outside the most dangerous areas, squandered a fine chance to level. Yet Smith placed the emphasis on attack with a triple substitution and, as Chelsea struggled to reorganise, Sturridge pounced.

DERBY COUNTY 2
CHELSEA 2
by Richard Hobson

DERBY COUNTY (3-5-2): M Poom — S Prior, H Carbonari (sub: D Sturridge, 77min), J Laursen — R Delap, L Bohinen (sub: S Schnoor, 77), D Powell, S Eranio, A Dorigo — F Baiano (sub: K Harper, 77), P Wanchope.

CHELSEA (3-5-2): E De Goey — B Lambourde, F Leboeuf, M Duberry — B Goldbaek (sub: D Petrescu, 46), G Poyet, D Wise, J Morris (sub: C Babayaro, 87), G Le Saux — G Zola (sub: M Nicholls, 87), T A Flo.

Referee: P Jones.


Morris: belied inexperience

# Interest in Juninho is denied

CHELSEA last night dismissed reports that they are involved in negotiations to bring Juninho back to the FA Carling Premiership. Agents for the Brazil international are understood to be offering his services around Europe after Atlético Madrid hinted that they might be willing to sell the 25-year-old.

Although Gianluca Vialli, the Chelsea manager, has stated that he is interested in signing another forward after the departure of Brian Laudrup to FC Copenhagen and the serious knee injury to Pierluigi Casiraghi, a Stamford Bridge source denied yesterday that Juninho has become a target.

The former Middlesbrough player has said that he would be interested in a return to England, but Madrid are unlikely to allow him to leave until March at the earliest, because they are still in the Uefa Cup.

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham United manager, insisted yesterday that Rio Ferdinand was not for sale after the England defender was linked with Manchester United and Liverpool.

Redknapp was dismissive of the reports, which were fuelled by West Ham selling Andy Impey to Leicester City recently without the manager being consulted by Peter Storrie, the West Ham chairman.

Redknapp yesterday conceded that the club needed the money from the Impey sale, but added that the matter was now closed.

By Matt Dickinson

LEEDS UNITED v COVENTRY CITY
Today, 8.0pm



George Caulkin

Five years on and David Batty could be forgiven for wondering precisely what has changed since he last ran out from the home dressing-room at Elland Road.

David O'Leary, Gary McAllister, Noel Whelan and Gordon Strachan were in close attendance while a Yorkshire crowd was expectant, rather than merely hopeful, of imminent silverware. McAllister and Strachan — two of his colleagues in the championship-winning side of 1992 — are plying their trade, along with Whelan, with tonight's opposition, Coventry City, while O'Leary is now clutching United's managerial reins.

Leeds remain capable of passion and intensity, but their outlook has shifted. So while Batty's physical presence will be welcomed, it would not be a cause for great celebration if it was to rob Leeds of their youthful, attacking vigour. For Coventry, it may be a case of damage limitation with Paul Telfer and Darren Huckerby, their leading scorer, suspended.

LEEDS UNITED: (possible: 3-5-2): N Martyn — J Woodgate, R Molenaar, L Radebe — A Smith, D Batty, A Haaland, L Bowyer, I Harte — H Kewell, J F Hasselbaink.

COVENTRY CITY (possible, 4-4-2): M Hedman — R Nilsson, R Shaw, P Williams, M Edworthy — G Boateng, G McAllister, P Clement, S Froggatt — N Whelan, T Soltvedt.

Referee: N Barry.

Odds: Leeds 8-15, Coventry 5-1, draw 12-5.

Prediction: The perfect homecoming. Leeds to win.

# Bakayoko gives Everton relief in relegation duel

IT WAS the type of acclaim that Walter Smith would receive from Rangers supporters only after victories over Celtic or the clinching of yet another championship. His Everton team's achievement had been merely a 1-0 home win over the FA Carling Premiership's bottom club. Yet the final whistle prompted a thunderous ovation around Goodison Park.

Smith may still represent the blue half of a city after his move from Glasgow in the summer, but his present and previous posts are oceans of blue apart.

Accustomed to years of almost continual success after inheriting the best team in Scotland from Graeme Souness, Smith has taken on a club whose own supremacy in the mid-Eighties has been overshadowed in the realistic minds of its supporters by recent battles against relegation. That they had just witnessed only Everton's second win and third goal in nine league games at home this season, explained such an outpouring of joy on Saturday.

The upheaval at Everton over the past few years is illustrated by the fact that none of the 13 men they used in the corresponding fixture last season played this time. Many new players have failed to settle, and the evidence of his initial few games suggested that Ibrahima Bakayoko, one of Smith's signings, could be another. However, a first goal in his ninth league match was just reward for a fine display of control, acceleration and shooting.

Bakayoko scored on the half-hour from 20 yards and almost added two more goals from long-range efforts. The Ivory Coast striker has flourished since the departure of Duncan Ferguson, suddenly finding that his powerful runs are attracting passes to his feet when, previously, they had been often treated as decoys, while long balls flew towards the head of the tall Scotsman.

Elsewhere in the team, however, it is easy to see why Everton are the only side in either Premiership or Nationwide leagues to have scored fewer goals than Southampton. Tackling has become a more important word than creating in Collins's dictionary — the Scotland midfield playmaker is among the Premiership's leading tacklers, statisticians reveal — while Ball and Cleland, the wing backs, did not look as happy going forward as, for example, their counterparts at Aston Villa and Leicester City, two clubs that use the same formation. A team comprising Everton's attack and Liverpool's defence might struggle to beat Tranmere Rovers reserves at the moment.

Everton's resilience cannot be questioned, though, with Hutchison's outbattling of Hughes in midfield perhaps provoking the Welshman into fouling his opponents and bringing him his 11th booking of the season. Southampton showed their inventive side by producing two glorious chances in the opening quarter, but their weakness in front of goal was underlined by the failure of Kachloul and Hughes even to hit the target.

Their waywardness gave Everton a third victory in four games without Ferguson present, the ten-point haul in that period constituting their best run in nearly a year. Such a return was routine for Smith at Rangers, but, on his Mersey beat, it is music to his ears.

EVERTON 4
SOUTHAMPTON 0
by Bill Edgar

EVERTON (3-5-2): T Myhre — R Dunne, S Barmby, D Unsworth — A Cleland, A Grant (sub: N Barmby, 87min), D Hutchison, J Collins, M Ball — I Bakayoko, M Madar (sub: O Dacourt, 76)

SOUTHAMPTON (4-3-1-2): P Jones — J Dodd, G Monk, C Lundekvam, S Hiley — M Oakley, M Hughes, H Kachloul (sub: S Ripley, 83) — E Oster stad, J Beattie (sub: S Bradley, 87)

Referee: A Wilkie

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4/7 LEEDS 12/5 DRAW COVENTRY 9/2
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LEEDS | SCORE TO BE | COVENTRY | LEEDS ..... LEEDS | 5/4 | 4/1 | HASSELBAINK (L) |
| 13/2 | 1-0 | 10/1 | LEEDS ..... DRAW | 14/1 | 6/1 | SMITH (L) |
| 13/2 | 2-0 | 25/1 | LEEDS ..... COVENTRY | 40/1 | 13/2 | KEWELL (L) |
| 15/2 | 2-1 | 18/1 | DRAW ..... LEEDS | 4/1 | 8/1 | JACKSON (C) |
| 10/1 | 3-0 | 80/1 | DRAW ..... DRAW | 9/2 | 8/1 | WHELAN (C) |
| 10/1 | 3-1 | 66/1 | DRAW ..... COVENTRY | 11/1 | 12/1 | BOWYER (L) |
| 28/1 | 3-2 | 40/1 | COVENTRY ... LEEDS | 25/1 | 16/1 | HOPKIN (L) |
| 17/2 | 0-0 | 17/2 | COVENTRY ... DRAW | 14/1 | 16/1 | McALLISTER (C) |
| 6/1 | 1-1 | 6/1 | COVENTRY ... COVENTRY | 10/1 | 20/1 | FROGGATT (L) |
| 14/1 | 2-2 | 14/1 | | | 17/2 | NO GOALSCORER |

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# FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

**BLACKBURN** (0) 0 **NEWCASTLE** (0) 0
27,569
**Blackburn Rovers:** A Fettis, J Kenna, C Davidson, T Sherwood, S Henchoz, K Dawes, J Wilcox, N Blake, W McKinlay, D Johnson, C Dailly.
**Booked:** Davies.
**Newcastle United:** S Harper, W Barton, S Howey, G Speed, D Hamann, L Charvet, S Glass (sub: G Georgiadis 84min), D Ferguson, N Solano, A Hughes (sub: N Dabizas 65), A Andersson (sub: T Ketsbaia 65).
**Booked:** Speed.
**Referee:** R Harris.

**DERBY** (1) 2 **CHELSEA** (0) 2
Carbonari 26 — Flo 55
Sturridge 90 — Poyet 59
29,056
**Derby County:** M Poom, H Carbonari (sub: D Sturridge 79min), D Powell, A Dorigo, P Wanchope, R Delap, L Bohinen (sub: S Schnoor 79), J Laursen, S Prior, S Eranio, F Baiano (sub: K Harper 79).
**Booked:** Powell, Carbonari, Wanchope.
**Chelsea:** E De Goey, F Leboeuf, B Goldbaek (sub: D Petrescu 46), G Poyet, D Wise, M Duberry, G Le Saux, T A Flo, B Lambourde, G Zola (sub: M Nicholls 89), J Morris (sub: C Babayaro 89).
**Booked:** Flo.
**Referee:** P Jones.

**EVERTON** (1) 1 **SOUTHAMPTON** (0) 0
Bakayoko 31 — 32,073
**Everton:** T Myhre, A Cleland, M Ball, D Unsworth, J Collins, D Hutchison, A Grant (sub: N Barmby 87min), M Madar (sub: O Dacourt 76), I Bakayoko, R Dunne, S Bilic.
**Booked:** Ball, Unsworth.
**Southampton:** P Jones, J Dodd, C Lundekvam, M Le Tissier, M Oakley, M Hughes, E Ostenstad, J Beattie (sub: S Bradley 87), S Hiley, G Monk, H Kachloul (sub: S Ripley 83).
**Booked:** Kachloul, M Hughes.
**Referee:** A Wilkie.

**LEICESTER** (1) 3 **NOTTM FOREST** (1) 1
Heskey 43 — Van Hooijdonk 14
Elliott 55 (pen) — 20,891
Guppy 75
*Sent-off: P van Hooijdonk (Nottm Forest) 58*
**Leicester City:** K Keller, P Kaamark, R Ullathorne, M Elliott, S Walsh (sub: G Fenton 78min), M Izzet, N Lennon, T Zagorakis (sub: R Savage 69), A Impey, E Heskey (sub: G Parker 86), S Guppy.
**Nottingham Forest:** D Beasant, A Rogers, S Chettle, J Hjelde (sub: D Freedman 73), S Stone, S Gemmill, A Johnson, C Bart-Williams, J Mattsson, M Harewood (sub: N Shipperley 80), P van Hooijdonk.
**Booked:** Stone, Harewood, Johnson, Mattsson.
**Referee:** M Riley.

**MIDDLESBROUGH** (1) 1 **WEST HAM** (0) 0
Deane 40 — 34,623
**Middlesbrough:** M Schwarzer, D Gordon, S Vickers, G Pallister, R Mustoe, P Gascoigne, B Deane, A Townsend, H Ricard (sub: M Beck 74min), R Stockdale (sub: P Stamp 85), C Cooper.
**Booked:** Pallister.
**West Ham:** S Hislop, S Potts, R Ferdinand, I Pearce, S Lomas, F Lampard, T Sinclair, M Keller (sub: J Moncur 46), J Hartson, I Wright, S Lazaridis (sub: M Omoyinmi 76).
**Booked:** Potts, Pearce, Lampard. **Referee:** K Burge.

**SHEFFIELD WED** (1) 3 **CHARLTON** (0) 0
Booth 13 — 26,010
Carbone 64
Rudi 77
**Sheffield Wednesday:** P Srnicek, P Atherton, W Jonk, D Walker, B Carbone, A Booth, A Hinchcliffe, E Thome, P Rudi (sub: D Stefanovic 79min), N Alexandersson (sub: L Briscoe 59), D Sonner.
**Booked:** Carbone, Sonner, Stefanovic.
**Charlton Athletic:** S Ilic, D Mills, C Powell, N Redfearn (sub: K Jones 72), R Rufus, E Youds, S Newton (sub: A Barness 72), M Kinsella, A Hunt (sub: C Mendonca 79), J Robinson, S Jones.
**Referee:** D Gallagher.

**TOTTENHAM** (0) 2 **MAN UTD** (2) 2
Campbell 70, 90 — Solskjaer 11, 18
36,079
*Sent-off: G Neville (Manchester) 39*
**Tottenham Hotspur:** I Walker, S Carr, A Nielsen, R Fox (sub: R Allen 82min), D Anderton, L Ferdinand, C Armstrong, D Ginola, A Sinton, S Campbell, L Young.
**Booked:** Sinton, Ferdinand.
**Man Utd:** P Schmeichel, G Neville, R Johnsen, J Stam, D Beckham, N Butt, E Sheringham (sub: A Cole 74), R Giggs (sub: J Blomqvist 86), P Neville, R Keane, O G Solskjaer (sub: R Berg 46).
**Booked:** Butt, Sheringham, G Neville, P Neville, Beckham, Johnsen.
**Referee:** U Rennie.

Yesterday

**ASTON VILLA** (0) 3 **ARSENAL** (2) 2
Joachim 62 — Bergkamp 14, 45
Dublin 65, 83 — 39,217
**Aston Villa:** M Oakes, A Wright, G Southgate, U Ehiogu, S Watson, I Taylor, A Thompson, J Joachim (sub: S Grayson 86min), D Dublin, G Barry (sub: S Collymore 54), L Hendrie.
**Booked:** Thompson, Wright, Southgate.
**Arsenal:** D Seaman, L Dixon, P Vieira, S Bould, N Vivas, F Ljungberg (sub: G Grimandi 68), N Anelka, D Bergkamp, M Overmars, M Keown, R Parlour (sub: L Boa Morte 89).
**Booked:** Bergkamp, Ljungberg, Dixon.
**Referee:** S Lodge.

**WIMBLEDON** (0) 1 **LIVERPOOL** (0) 0
Earle 48 — 26,080
**Wimbledon:** N Sullivan, K Cunningham, C Perry, D Blackwell, B Thatcher, R Earle, M Gayle (sub: A Roberts 77min), N Ardley, C Leaburn (sub: E Ekoku 62), M Hughes, J Euell.
**Liverpool:** D James, S Staunton, P Babb, R Fowler (sub: K Riedle 61), M Owen, J Redknapp, V Heggem, P Berger, P Ince, S I Bjornebye, J Carragher.
**Booked:** Ince.
**Referee:** G Willard.

| | | HOME | | | | | | AWAY | | | | | Goal |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | diff |
| 1 Aston Villa | 17 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 33 | +10 |
| 2 Man Utd | 16 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 30 | +14 |
| 3 Chelsea | 16 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 29 | +10 |
| 4 Middlesbro | 17 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 15 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 12 | 27 | +8 |
| 5 Leeds | 16 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 26 | +12 |
| 6 Arsenal | 17 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 26 | +7 |
| 7 West Ham | 17 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 26 | -1 |
| 8 Wimbledon | 17 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 17 | 26 | -4 |
| 9 Leicester | 17 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 24 | +2 |
| 10 Derby | 17 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 23 | +1 |
| 11 Tottenham | 17 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 23 | -3 |
| 12 Liverpool | 17 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 12 | 22 | +5 |
| 13 Sheff Wed | 17 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 22 | +3 |
| 14 Everton | 17 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 22 | -4 |
| 15 Newcastle | 17 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 21 | 0 |
| 16 Charlton | 17 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 16 | -5 |
| 17 Coventry | 16 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 15 | -8 |
| 18 Blackburn | 17 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 14 | 13 | -9 |
| 19 Nottm F | 17 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 21 | 11 | -15 |
| 20 Southamptn | 17 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 17 | 10 | -22 |

# Nationwide Football League

## FIRST DIVISION

**BRISTOL CITY** (1) 1 **CRYSTAL PALACE** (1) 1
Akinbiyi 25 — Bell 24 (og)
13,014

**HUDDERSFIELD** (0) 0 **WEST BROM** (0) 3
11,947 — Quinn 74, 79; Hughes 80

**IPSWICH** (0) 0 **BARNSLEY** (0) 2
16,021 — McClare 89; Turner 90

**OXFORD UTD** (0) 1 **BIRMINGHAM** (4) 7
Windass 90 — Rowett 16, 31; Furlong 17, 43; Grainger 55; Ndlovu 72; Hughes 89
7,189

**QPR** (0) 0 **CREWE** (1) 1
11,296 — Wright 26

**SUNDERLAND** (2) 2 **PORT VALE** (0) 0
Smith 24 — 37,593
Butler 44

**SWINDON** (1) 1 **BRADFORD** (1) 4
Onuora 3 — Blake 20, 83
7,447 — Mills 48, 61
*Sent-off: S Leitch (Swindon) 51; L Mills (Bradford) 75*

**TRANMERE** (0) 1 **BOLTON** (1) 1
Irons 90 — Taylor 11
6,959

**WATFORD** (2) 4 **STOCKPORT** (0) 2
Johnson 8 — Angell 90
Wright 17 — Connelly 90
Noel-Williams 65, 87 — 9,250

**WOLVES** (0) 2 **NORWICH** (1) 2
Keane 84, 89 — Adams 31 (pen)
21,014 — Roberts 60

Yesterday

**PORTSMOUTH** (0) 0 **GRIMSBY** (0) 1
8,180 — Groves 67

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Bury 3 Sheffield Utd 3.

| | | HOME | | | | | | AWAY | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | Gls |
| 1 Sunderland | 22 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 24 | 9 | 49 | (51) |
| 2 Ipswich | 23 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 16 | 7 | 42 | (31) |
| 3 Watford | 23 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 19 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 22 | 21 | 40 | (41) |
| 4 Birmingham | 23 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 14 | 38 | (37) |
| 5 Bradford | 22 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 15 | 37 | (40) |
| 6 Norwich | 22 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 17 | 37 | (37) |
| 7 Bolton | 22 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 13 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 18 | 18 | 36 | (41) |
| 8 Huddersfld | 23 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 23 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 27 | 35 | (33) |
| 9 Grimsby | 23 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 18 | 35 | (28) |
| 10 West Brom | 23 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 25 | 16 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 22 | 34 | (43) |
| 11 Sheff Utd | 23 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 17 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 17 | 21 | 34 | (36) |
| 12 Wolves | 23 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 19 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 13 | 34 | (33) |
| 13 Barnsley | 23 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 21 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 16 | 30 | (34) |
| 14 C Palace | 21 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 26 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 28 | 29 | (32) |
| 15 Bury | 23 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 18 | 28 | (20) |
| 16 Stockport | 23 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 19 | 26 | (28) |
| 17 QPR | 23 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 12 | 22 | 25 | (25) |
| 18 Portsmouth | 23 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 18 | 14 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 13 | 22 | 24 | (31) |
| 19 Swindon | 23 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 24 | 20 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 19 | 24 | (31) |
| 20 Tranmere | 23 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 14 | 17 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 18 | 24 | (29) |
| 21 Oxford Utd | 23 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 23 | 23 | (26) |
| 22 Port Vale | 23 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 20 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 15 | 25 | 22 | (26) |
| 23 Bristol City | 23 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 25 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 25 | 20 | (33) |
| 24 Crewe | 23 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 23 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 24 | 15 | (23) |

## SECOND DIVISION

**BLACKPOOL** (0) 0 **WYCOMBE** (0) 0
2,990

**BOURNEMOUTH** (0) 2 **YORK** (1) 1
Robinson 63 — Cresswell 8
Fletcher 74 — 4,863

**FULHAM** (2) 4 **BURNLEY** (0) 0
Morgan 27, 38 — 9,963
Hayles 57
Peschisolido 73

**LINCOLN** (0) 0 **COLCHESTER** (0) 0
4,513

**MACCLESFIELD** (1) 2 **LUTON** (1) 2
Sorvel 36 — Douglas 3
Tomlinson 46 — Gray 90
2,905

**MAN CITY** (0) 0 **BRISTOL R** (0) 0
24,976

**MILLWALL** (1) 1 **READING** (0) 1
Neill 33 — Sarr 67
6,058

**NORTHAMPTON** (0) 1 **CHESTERFIELD** (0) 0
Howey 71 — 5,282

**NOTTS COUNTY** (0) 2 **PRESTON** (0) 3
Kidd 55 (og) — Gregan 49
Richardson 64 — Cartwright 52
5,096 — Harris 90

**OLDHAM** (0) 0 **WALSALL** (2) 2
4,195 — Otta 4; Rammell 34

**STOKE** (0) 0 **GILLINGHAM** (0) 0
17,233

**WIGAN** (0) 1 **WREXHAM** (0) 1
Lee 70 — Connolly 72
3,440

| | | HOME | | | | | | AWAY | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | Gls |
| 1 Stoke | 21 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 10 | 44 | (30) |
| 2 Fulham | 20 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 21 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 8 | 42 | (32) |
| 3 Walsall | 21 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 14 | 42 | (32) |
| 4 Preston | 20 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 10 | 37 | (37) |
| 5 Gillingham | 21 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 34 | (29) |
| 6 Chesterfld | 20 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 32 | (21) |
| 7 Bournmth | 19 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 15 | 30 | (31) |
| 8 Luton | 19 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 18 | 30 | (26) |
| 9 Man City | 21 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 30 | (24) |
| 10 Reading | 20 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 17 | 30 | (24) |
| 11 Wigan | 21 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 29 | (27) |
| 12 Millwall | 21 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 14 | 29 | (20) |
| 13 Blackpool | 21 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 28 | (25) |
| 14 Wrexham | 21 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 16 | 25 | (21) |
| 15 Colchester | 20 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 25 | (19) |
| 16 York | 21 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 24 | 24 | (26) |
| 17 Bristol R | 21 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 13 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 24 | (24) |
| 18 Burnley | 21 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 11 | 25 | 23 | (22) |
| 19 Notts Co | 20 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 15 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 21 | (23) |
| 20 Northmptn | 21 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 21 | (19) |
| 21 Macclesfld | 21 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 17 | 20 | (19) |
| 22 Oldham | 21 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 17 | 17 | (19) |
| 23 Wycombe | 21 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 14 | 16 | (16) |
| 24 Lincoln City | 21 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 20 | 13 | (20) |

## THIRD DIVISION

**BRIGHTON** (0) 4 **ROTHERHAM** (0) 1
Barker 52, 54 — Glover 77
Hart 86 — 2,870
Minton 88

**CAMBRIDGE U** (1) 1 **PLYMOUTH** (0) 0
Taylor 44 — 3,933
*Sent-off: R Mauge (Plymouth) 45*

**CARLISLE** (2) 2 **HARTLEPOOL** (0) 1
Searle 22 — Ingram 90 (pen)
Mendes 26 — 3,025

**CHESTER** (0) 1 **DARLINGTON** (0) 0
Shelton 53 — 2,011

**EXETER** (0) 0 **BRENTFORD** (1) 1
2,793 — Owusu 40

**LEYTON ORIENT** (1) 1 **PETERBOROUGH** (1) 2
Smith 18 (pen) — McKenzie 17
4,718 — Broughton 80

**SCARBOROUGH** (1) 1 **HALIFAX** (0) 0
Brodie 31 — 2,251

**SCUNTHORPE** (0) 0 **CARDIFF** (1) 2
3,200 — Williams 45, 54

**SOUTHEND** (1) 2 **BARNET** (2) 3
Coleman 20 — Charlery 18, 45
Burns 90 — King 89
4,211

**SWANSEA** (0) 1 **ROCHDALE** (1) 1
Alsop 52 — Peake 34
4,010
*Sent-off: M Williams (Rochdale) 80*

**TORQUAY** (2) 2 **HULL** (0) 0
Leadbitter 15 — 2,033
Partridge 39

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Mansfield 1 Shrewsbury 0.

| | | HOME | | | | | | AWAY | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | Gls |
| 1 Cardiff | 21 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 40 | (25) |
| 2 Mansfield | 21 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 17 | 37 | (32) |
| 3 Brentford | 19 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 14 | 16 | 36 | (35) |
| 4 Camb Utd | 20 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 11 | 36 | (33) |
| 5 Halifax | 21 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 7 | 36 | (30) |
| 6 L Orient | 21 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 13 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 10 | 34 | (26) |
| 7 Rotherham | 21 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 19 | 19 | 33 | (38) |
| 8 Peterboro | 21 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 17 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 10 | 33 | (36) |
| 9 Scunthorpe | 21 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 15 | 33 | (35) |
| 10 Brighton | 21 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 17 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 13 | 12 | 31 | (28) |
| 11 Darlington | 19 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 28 | (27) |
| 12 Swansea | 20 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 28 | (24) |
| 13 Plymouth | 20 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 11 | 27 | (23) |
| 14 Hartlepool | 21 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 19 | 25 | (30) |
| 15 Exeter | 20 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 16 | 25 | (20) |
| 16 Rochdale | 20 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 11 | 15 | 25 | (19) |
| 17 Chester | 20 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 15 | 24 | (24) |
| 18 Southend | 21 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 18 | 24 | (24) |
| 19 Barnet | 21 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 24 | (24) |
| 20 Shrewsbury | 21 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 24 | (16) |
| 21 Carlisle | 19 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 23 | (18) |
| 22 Torquay | 21 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 13 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 19 | 21 | (22) |
| 23 Scarboro | 21 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 14 | 21 | (22) |
| 24 Hull | 21 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 21 | 15 | (18) |

# SCOTLAND

## PREMIER LEAGUE

**ABERDEEN** (2) 2 **HEARTS** (0) 0
Winters 32 — 11,137
Jess 37

**DUNDEE UTD** (0) 1 **CELTIC** (0) 1
Zetterlund 49 — Larsson 85
11,612

**DUNFERMLINE** (0) 1 **MOTHERWELL** (0) 1
Smith 79 — Spencer 47
5,182
*Sent-off: A Tod (Dunfermline) 48; M Doesburg (Motherwell) 88*

**RANGERS** (1) 1 **KILMARNOCK** (0) 0
Wallace 10 — 49,781

**ST JOHNSTONE** (0) 1 **DUNDEE** (0) 1
Bollan 85 — Adamczuk 74
6,033
*Sent-off: W Miller (Dundee) 89*

| | | HOME | | | | | | AWAY | | | | | Goal |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | diff |
| 1 Rangers | 17 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 10 | 34 | +17 |
| 2 Kilmarnock | 18 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 31 | +14 |
| 3 Celtic | 16 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 27 | +14 |
| 4 St Johnstn | 18 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 26 | -3 |
| 5 Hearts | 18 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 23 | -4 |
| 6 Dundee | 18 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 20 | -6 |
| 7 Dundee Utd | 18 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 12 | 19 | -2 |
| 8 Motherwell | 17 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 17 | 19 | -9 |
| 9 Aberdeen | 18 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 16 | 17 | -11 |
| 10 Dunfermline | 18 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 16 | -10 |

## FIRST DIVISION

**AYR** (0) 0 **RAITH** (2) 2
2,245 — Welsh 12 (og); Dair 45
*Sent-off: P Browne (Raith) 70; A Lyons (Ayr) 48*

**CLYDEBANK** (1) 2 **STRANRAER** (0) 1
McLaughlin 22 — Ronald 69
Miller 58 — 207

**HAMILTON** (0) 0 **GK MORTON** (0) 0
1,012

**HIBERNIAN** (1) 2 **FALKIRK** (0) 1
Hughes 6 — Crabbe 79 (pen)
Crawford 69 — 12,570
*Sent-off: J McQuilken (Falkirk) 90*

**ST MIRREN** (1) 1 **AIRDRIE** (4) 5
Creaney 38 (pen) — Evans 10; McCann 19; Wilson 43; Black 45 (pen); McGrillen 54
2,305
*Sent-off: T Brown (St Mirren) 60*

| | | HOME | | | | | | AWAY | | | | | Goal |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | diff |
| 1 Hibernian | 19 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 13 | 41 | +16 |
| 2 Falkirk | 19 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 10 | 35 | +12 |
| 3 Ayr | 19 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 23 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 10 | 33 | +11 |
| 4 Airdrie | 19 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 8 | 33 | +5 |
| 5 St Mirren | 19 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 28 | -5 |
| 6 Clydebank | 19 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 25 | -2 |
| 7 Hamilton | 19 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 22 | -2 |
| 8 Raith | 19 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 19 | -7 |
| 9 G Morton | 19 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 16 | -7 |
| 10 Stranraer | 19 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 21 | 10 | -21 |

## SECOND DIVISION

**EAST FIFE** (0) 0 **CLYDE** (0) 0
663
*Sent-off: G Johnston (East Fife) 62*

**FORFAR** (0) 1 **LIVINGSTON** (0) 2
Craig 47 — King 46
502 — Bingham 88

**QUEEN OF SOUTH** (0) 0 **PARTICK** (0) 0
1,731

**STIRLING** (0) 0 **ARBROATH** (0) 1
824 — McGlashan 89

| | | HOME | | | | | | AWAY | | | | | Goal |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | diff |
| 1 Livingston | 18 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 13 | 43 | +17 |
| 2 Inverness C | 17 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 20 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 35 | +11 |
| 3 Clyde | 18 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 30 | +8 |
| 4 Stirling | 18 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 19 | 28 | -2 |
| 5 Alloa | 17 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 26 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 24 | +12 |
| 6 Partick | 18 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 23 | -3 |
| 7 Arbroath | 18 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 22 | -6 |
| 8 East Fife | 18 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 19 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 16 | 19 | -13 |
| 9 Queen of S | 18 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 17 | 14 | -8 |
| 10 Forfar | 18 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 18 | 10 | -15 |

## THIRD DIVISION

**ALBION** (0) 0 **DUMBARTON** (0) 2
324 — Mooney 46; Flannery 80

**EAST STIRLING** (1) 2 **ROSS COUNTY** (0) 2
Kennedy 13 — McGlashan 52
Walker 51 — Golabek 78
355
*Sent-off: S Ferguson (Ross County) 66*

**MONTROSE** (0) 1 **COWDENBEATH** (0) 1
Taylor 57 (pen) — Trialist 54
324

**QUEEN'S PARK** (1) 1 **BERWICK** (0) 1
Edgar 13 — Forrester 87
439

| | | HOME | | | | | | AWAY | | | | | Goal |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | diff |
| 1 Ross County | 18 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 29 | 13 | 49 | +26 |
| 2 Brechin | 17 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 8 | 33 | +9 |
| 3 Stenhsmuir | 17 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 30 | +9 |
| 4 Dumbarton | 18 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 28 | +7 |
| 5 Berwick | 18 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 13 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 23 | 0 |
| 6 Albion | 18 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 22 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 23 | -13 |
| 7 Queen's Pk | 18 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 14 | 21 | 0 |
| 8 East Stirling | 18 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 12 | 17 | -2 |
| 9 Cowdenbeath | 18 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 17 | 15 | -16 |
| 10 Montrose | 18 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 25 | 14 | -20 |

## TENNENT'S CUP

### FIRST ROUND REPLAY

**ALLOA** (0) 0 **STENHOUSEMUIR** (0) 2
643 — Hall 63; Watters 77

## GOALSCORERS

**FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP:** 13: D Dublin (Aston Villa); M Owen (Liverpool). 12: H Ricard (Middlesbrough); D Yorke (Man Utd). 9: O G Solskjaer (Man Utd); G Poyet (Chelsea); N Anelka (Arsenal); R Fowler (Liverpool); A Cole (Man Utd); J F Hasselbaink (Leeds); E Heskey (Leicester). 8: P Berger (Liverpool); A Shearer (Newcastle); C Armstrong (Tottenham); G Zola (Chelsea). 7: M Gayle (Wimbledon); A Cottee (Leicester); E Ekoku (Wimbledon); J Joachim (Aston Villa), P Scholes (Man Utd).

**FIRST DIVISION:** 24: L Hughes (West Brom). 17: J Aloisi (Portsmouth). 15: C Bellamy (Norwich); A Ward (Barnsley). 14: M Stewart (Huddersfield); A Gunnlaugsson (Bolton). 13: I Roberts (Norwich); L Mills (Bradford). 12: K Irons (Tranmere); A Akinbiyi (Bristol City); I Onuora (Swindon). 11: J Scowcroft (Ipswich); D Johnson (Ipswich); M Bridges (Sunderland). 10: N Quinn (Sunderland); D Windass (Oxford Utd); P Ndlovu (Birmingham); P Groves (Grimsby); D Saunders (Sheff Utd); B Angell (Stockport).

**SECOND DIVISION:** 18: M Stein (Bournemouth). 14: A Payton (Burnley), R Cresswell (York). 12: G Horsfield (Fulham), C Asaba (Gillingham); 11: S Barlow (Wigan); A Rammell (Walsall); P Gray (Luton); S Goater (Man City). 10: S Davis (Luton). 9: M Aldridge (Blackpool); J Cureton (Bristol Rovers); M Williams (Reading); P Shaw (Millwall). 8: S Douglas (Luton); K Nogan (Preston); G Brebner (Reading); P Peschisolido (Fulham); C Corazzin (Northampton); G Kavanagh (Stoke); S Robinson (Bournemouth).

**THIRD DIVISION:** 13: J Forrester (Scunthorpe); L Peacock (Mansfield). 12: L Owusu (Brentford). 11: M Butler (Cambridge Utd). 10: L Glover (Rotherham); T Benjamin (Cambridge Utd). 9: C Beech (Hartlepool), J Williams (Cardiff); K Charlery (Barnet); J Paterson (Halifax); S Partridge (Torquay). 8: J Alsop (Swansea); J Taylor (Cambridge Utd); I Stevens (Carlisle); R Barker (Brighton); G Grazioli (Peterborough); L McKenzie (Peterborough); G Hart (Brighton); J Minton (Brighton). 7: S Brodie (Scarborough).

**SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE:** 15: R Wallace (Rangers); H Larsson (Celtic). 13: J Albertz (Rangers). 9: E Jess (Aberdeen); J Johansson (Rangers). 8: J Hamilton (Hearts). 7: E Annand (Dundee); P Wright (Kilmarnock). 6: G Van Bronckhorst (Rangers); O Coyle (Motherwell); B Dodds (Dundee Utd); S Donnelly (Celtic). 5: A McCoist (Kilmarnock); A Smith (Dunfermline); C Burley (Celtic); S Adam (Hearts).
*Includes all competitions*

# VERNONS LOTTERY FOOTBALL GAME

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S MATCHES: There were eleven score draws: Derby v Chelsea, Tottenham v Man Utd; Bristol City v Crystal Palace; Tranmere v Bolton; Wolverhampton v Norwich; Macclesfield v Luton; Millwall v Reading; Wigan v Wrexham; Dundee Utd v Celtic; Dunfermline v Motherwell; St Johnstone v Dundee. *Payouts on eight, seven, six and five score draws. This weeks confirmed pay out for:* Eight score draws: 26 winners each £1,762.50. Seven score draws: 438 winners each £28.50. Six score draws: 4,044 winners each £6. Five score draws: 22,091 winners each £5.

# OVERSEAS

**GERMAN LEAGUE:** *Borussia Dortmund 1 Mönchengladbach 1;* SV Hamburg 0 Hertha Berlin 4; Hansa Rostock 3 VfL Bochum 0; Kaiserslautern 2 Eintracht Frankfurt 1; SC Freiburg 1 Nuremburg 0; Schalke 04 2 TSV 1860 Munich 2; Werder Bremen 2 VfB Stuttgart 2; VfL Wolfsburg 4 MSV Duisburg 2.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Bayer Leverkusen | 16 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 39 | 15 | 35 |
| *Bayern Munich | 15 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 38 | 13 | 35 |
| Kaiserslautern | 16 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 27 | 24 | 33 |
| TSV 1860 Munich | 17 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 31 | 23 | 31 |
| VfL Wolfsburg | 17 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 34 | 25 | 27 |
| Borussia Dortmund | 17 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 25 | 18 | 26 |
| Hertha Berlin | 16 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 17 | 26 |
| VfB Stuttgart | 17 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 23 | 22 | 21 |
| SC Freiburg | 16 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 20 | 21 | 21 |
| SV Hamburg | 17 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 21 | 23 | 21 |
| Werder Bremen | 17 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 25 | 24 | 20 |
| Schalke 04 | 17 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 19 | 29 | 18 |
| VfL Bochum | 17 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 21 | 32 | 18 |
| Eintracht Frankfurt | 17 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 21 | 29 | 16 |
| Hansa Rostock | 17 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 25 | 33 | 15 |
| Nuremburg | 17 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 20 | 31 | 15 |
| MSV Duisburg | 16 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 17 | 28 | 15 |
| Mönchengladbach | 16 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 20 | 41 | 10 |

* Does not include last night's late match

**ITALIAN LEAGUE:** Bari 2 Empoli 1; Bologna 1 Salernitana 1; Lazio 5 Sampdoria 2; AC Milan 1 Vicenza 0; Parma 1 AS Roma 1; Perugia 2 Cagliari 1; *Udinese 0 Internazionale 1;* Venezia 0 Piacenza 0.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Fiorentina | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 23 | 12 | 25 |
| AC Milan | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 14 | 24 |
| AS Roma | 13 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 27 | 14 | 23 |
| Parma | 13 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 8 | 23 |
| Internazionale | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 22 | 19 | 21 |
| Lazio | 13 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 24 | 17 | 20 |
| Bologna | 13 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 16 | 11 | 18 |
| Bari | 13 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 14 | 12 | 18 |
| *Juventus | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 13 | 18 |
| Perugia | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 22 | 18 |
| Udinese | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 15 | 21 | 16 |
| Cagliari | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 19 | 19 | 14 |
| Piacenza | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 18 | 13 |
| Sampdoria | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 25 | 13 |
| Empoli | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 15 | 12 |
| Salernitana | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 20 | 12 |
| Vicenza | 13 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 17 | 11 |
| Venezia | 13 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 10 |

* Does not include last night's late match

**SPANISH LEAGUE:** Athletic Bilbao 2 Deportivo La Coruña 1; Celta Vigo 2 Español 0; Extremadura 0 Real Oviedo 1; Racing Santander 0 Tenerife 0; Real Betis 0 Atlético Madrid 0; Real Madrid 3 Real Sociedad 2; Real Zaragoza 0 Real Mallorca 1; Valencia 1 Salamanca 0; Real Valladolid 3 Alaves 0.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Real Mallorca | 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 6 | 28 |
| Celta Vigo | 14 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 25 | 14 | 25 |
| Valencia | 14 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 23 | 15 | 25 |
| *Deportivo La Coruña* | 14 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 18 | 14 | 23 |
| Atlético Madrid | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 22 | 14 | 22 |
| Real Madrid | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 27 | 20 | 22 |
| Real Oviedo | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 17 | 17 | 21 |
| Athletic Bilbao | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 20 | 21 | 20 |
| *Real Zaragoza* | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| *Barcelona | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 21 | 15 | 19 |
| Real Sociedad | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 19 | 20 | 19 |
| Real Valladolid | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 15 | 17 | 18 |
| Real Betis | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 15 | 18 |
| Racing Santander | 14 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 17 | 17 |
| *Villarreal | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 18 | 16 |
| Salamanca | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 20 | 15 |
| Español | 14 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 13 | 16 | 14 |
| Tenerife | 14 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 16 | 21 | 12 |
| Alaves | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 18 | 12 |
| Extremadura | 14 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 23 | 11 |

* Does not include last night's late match

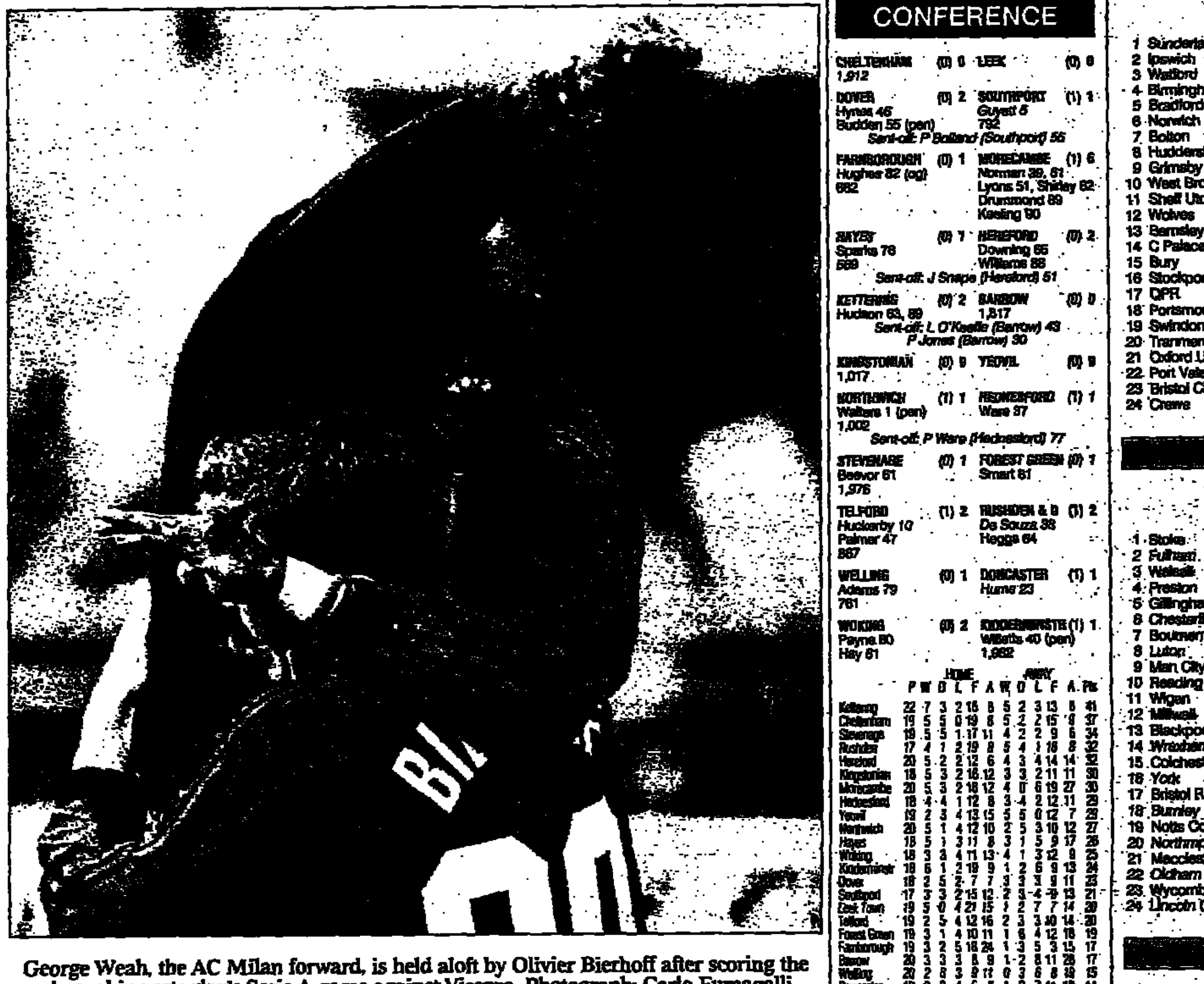
**BELGIAN LEAGUE:** Beveren 0 Lommel 0; FC Bruges 0 Aalst 0; Mouscron 5 St-Truiden 1; Ghent 1 Lierse 0; Kortrijk 0 Harelbeke 0; Standard Liege 3 Ostend 0; Westerlo 2 Germinal Ekeren 4.

**FRENCH LEAGUE:** Nancy 1 AJ Auxerre 1; Bastia 2 Paris SG 0; *Bordeaux 3 Le Havre 0; Lorient 1 RC Lens 1;* Marseilles 3 Metz 0; Rennes 3 Montpellier 2; Strasbourg 2 Nantes 2; Toulouse 0 Lyons 0. Postponed: Sochaux v Monaco.

**DUTCH LEAGUE:** MVV Maastricht 3 Fortuna Sittard 3; PSV Eindhoven 3 Roda JC Kerkrade 3; Willem II Tilburg 1 NEC Nijmegen 0.

**PORTUGESE LEAGUE:** Amadora 1 Salgueiros 1; Beira Mar 1 Boavista 1; Campomaiorense 0 Vitoria Setubal 0; Farense 1 Alverca 0; Rio Ave 1 União Leiria 0. Postponed: Sporting Lisbon v Sporting Braga.

**AFRICAN CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE:** Final: Second leg: ASEC (Ivory Coast) 4 Dynamos (ZIM) 2 (ASEC win 4-2 on agg).



George Weah, the AC Milan forward, is held aloft by Olivier Bierhoff after scoring the only goal in yesterday's Serie A game against Vicenza. Photograph: Carlo Fumagalli.

# CONFERENCE

**CHELTENHAM** (0) 0 **LEEK** (0) 0
1,912

**DOVER** (0) 2 **SOUTHPORT** (1) 1
Hynes 46 — Guyett 5
Budden 55 (pen) — 792
*Sent-off: P Bolland (Southport) 56*

**FARNBOROUGH** (0) 1 **MORECAMBE** (1) 6
Hughes 82 (og) — Norman 39, 61; Lyons 51, Shirley 62; Drummond 89; Keeling 90
662

**HAYES** (0) 1 **HEREFORD** (0) 2
Sparks 76 — Downing 65
589 — Williams 88
*Sent-off: J Snape (Hereford) 51*

**KETTERING** (0) 2 **BARROW** (0) 0
Hudson 63, 89 — 1,817
*Sent-off: L O'Keeffe (Barrow) 43; P Jones (Barrow) 30*

**KINGSTONIAN** (0) 0 **YEOVIL** (0) 0
1,017

**NORTHWICH** (1) 1 **HEDNESFORD** (1) 1
Walters 1 (pen) — Ware 37
1,002
*Sent-off: P Ware (Hednesford) 77*

**STEVENAGE** (0) 1 **FOREST GREEN** (0) 1
Beevor 61 — Smart 81
1,976

**TELFORD** (1) 2 **RUSHDEN & D** (1) 2
Huckerby 10 — De Souza 38
Palmer 47 — Heggs 64
867

**WELLING** (0) 1 **DONCASTER** (1) 1
Adams 79 — Hume 23
761

**WOKING** (0) 2 **KIDDERMINSTER** (1) 1
Payne 80 — Watts 40 (pen)
Hay 81 — 1,982

| | | HOME | | | | | AWAY | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Kettering | 22 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 8 | 41 |
| Cheltenham | 19 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 19 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 37 |
| Stevenage | 19 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 17 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 34 |
| Rushden | 17 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 8 | 32 |
| Hereford | 20 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 32 |
| Kingstonian | 18 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 30 |
| Morecambe | 20 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 18 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 27 | 30 |
| Hednesford | 18 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 29 |
| Yeovil | 19 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 12 | 7 | 29 |
| Northwich | 20 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 27 |
| Hayes | 18 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 17 | 26 |
| Woking | 18 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 9 | 25 |
| Kidderminstr | 18 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 24 |
| Dover | 18 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 11 | 23 |
| Southport | 17 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 21 |
| Leek Town | 19 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 21 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 20 |
| Telford | 19 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 14 | 20 |
| Forest Green | 19 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 18 | 19 |
| Farnborough | 19 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 18 | 24 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 17 |
| Barrow | 20 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 11 | 28 | 17 |
| Welling | 20 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 19 | 15 |
| Doncaster | 19 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 19 | 14 |

# NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

## UNIBOND

**PREMIER DIVISION:** Altrincham 2 Stalybridge 1; Bamber Bridge 1 Whitby 1; Blyth Spartans 2 Marine 1; Chorley 0 Gainsborough 2; Frickley 1 Runcorn 1; Gateshead 2 Emley 1; Hyde 2 Winsford 0; *Lancaster* 2 Worksop 0; Leigh RMI 1 Bishop Auckland 1; Spennymoor 2 Accrington Stanley 0.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Worksop | 20 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 28 | 23 | 36 |
| Bamber Bridge | 21 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 29 | 25 | 34 |
| Altrincham | 20 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 31 | 19 | 33 |
| Winsford Utd | 20 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 31 | 23 | 33 |
| Blyth Spartans | 22 | 10 | 3 | 9 | 29 | 30 | 33 |
| Guiseley | 16 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 30 | 17 | 32 |
| Gateshead | 21 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 33 | 29 | 32 |
| Gainsborough | 21 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 31 | 25 | 31 |
| Emley | 18 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 25 | 19 | 30 |
| Lancaster | 17 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 25 | 18 | 29 |
| Hyde Utd | 19 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 25 | 16 | 28 |
| Whitby Town | 18 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 31 | 27 | 26 |
| Leigh RMI | 19 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 30 | 28 | 25 |
| Bishop Auck | 23 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 32 | 39 | 25 |
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| Frickley | 17 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 21 | 23 | 22 |
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**FIRST DIVISION:** Belper Town 0 Ashton 2; Bradford PA 2 Hucknall 2; Burscough 1 Farsley Celtic 0; Eastwood Town 2 Witton 0; Matlock Town 2 Congleton 2; Netherfield Kendal 1 Lincoln 2; Radcliffe 2 Flixton 2; Trafford 3 Harrogate Town 0; Whitley Bay 0 Alfreton 2.

## DR MARTENS

**PREMIER DIVISION:** Bath 0 Halesowen 0; Bromsgrove 1 Boston 1; Burton 0 Rothwell 0; Gloucester 3 Cambridge City 1; Hastings 1 Gresley 2; King's Lynn 4 Tamworth 2; Merthyr 1 Dorchester 1; Nuneaton 2 Crawley 1; Salisbury 2 Worcester 0; Weymouth 2 Ilkeston 2.

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| Bath City | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 27 | 13 | 33 |
| Gresley Rovers | 16 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 28 | 18 | 32 |
| Ilkeston Tn | 20 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 29 | 22 | 30 |
| Crawley Town | 17 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 24 | 22 | 30 |
| Gloucester City | 18 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 29 | 26 | 29 |
| Hastings | 18 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 21 | 17 | 28 |
| Boston Utd | 20 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 33 | 24 | 27 |
| Merthyr | 19 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 33 | 28 | 27 |
| Atherstone | 17 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 26 | 22 | 27 |
| Cambridge City | 20 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 24 | 29 | 27 |
| Weymouth | 19 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 26 | 28 | 23 |
| Tamworth | 17 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 25 | 30 | 23 |
| Worcester City | 17 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 18 | 24 | 23 |
| Grantham | 17 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 25 | 27 | 22 |
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| Rothwell Town | 18 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 16 | 23 | 22 |
| Salisbury | 17 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 18 | 28 | 19 |
| Burton Albion | 17 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 21 | 28 | 18 |
| Bromsgrove | 19 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 22 | 35 | 18 |
| King's Lynn | 15 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 20 | 31 | 15 |
| Dorchester | 19 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 14 |

**MIDLAND DIVISION:** Blakenall 1 Paget 0; Cinderford 1 Bedworth 4; Evesham 3 VS Rugby 1; Hinckley 0 Stourbridge 3; Newport AFC 4 Bilston 0; RC Warwick 0 Solihull Boro 2; Redditch 0 Clevedon 1; Shepshed Dynamo 2 Wisbech 2; Stafford 3 Weston-super-Mare 1. Stamford AFC 2 Bilston 2; Sutton Coldfield Town 2 Moor Green 2. Southern division: Baldock 0 Havant and Waterlooville 5; Brackley 1 Sittingbourne 4; Chelmsford 2 Witney 2; Dartford 3 Folkestone Invicta 4; Erith and Belvedere 0 Yate 2; Fleet 3 Corby 1; Margate 5 Bashley 0; Raunds 3 St Leonards 2. Postponed: Ashford v Andover; Cirencester v Fisher London; Newport IoW v Tonbridge Angels.

**SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE:** First division: *Colchester Utd 4 Bournemouth 3;* Gillingham 0 Reading 0; Luton 2 Brentford 1; *Portsmouth 2 Bristol 3;* Southend Utd 3 Wycombe 2.

## RYMAN

**PREMIER DIVISION:** Aylesbury 0 Slough 0; Basingstoke 1 St Albans 2; Boreham Wood 4 Hampton 2; Bromley 1 Hendon 4; Carshalton 2 Purfleet 1; Dag and Red 0 Aldershot 1; Dulwich 3 *Chesham* 2; Enfield 2 Bishop's Stortford 1; Heybridge 2 Sutton 4; Walton and Hersham 3 Billericay 4.

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| Sutton Utd | 17 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 34 | 20 | 36 |
| St Albans | 17 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 33 | 20 | 35 |
| Billericay Tn | 19 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 27 | 18 | 35 |
| Hendon | 19 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 40 | 30 | 32 |
| Purfleet | 19 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 32 | 25 | 31 |
| Dag & Red | 18 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 40 | 27 | 29 |
| Aldershot Tn | 18 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 37 | 18 | 28 |
| Enfield | 17 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 30 | 23 | 26 |
| Harrow Boro | 19 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 32 | 31 | 25 |
| Boreham Wood | 18 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 26 | 26 | 25 |
| Gravesend | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 21 | 21 | 24 |
| Dulwich | 19 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 20 | 26 | 23 |
| Bromley | 19 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 31 | 33 | 22 |
| Basingstoke | 17 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 28 | 25 | 21 |
| Slough | 18 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 25 | 31 | 21 |
| Chesham | 18 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 29 | 37 | 21 |
| Walton & H | 18 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 22 | 32 | 18 |
| Hampton | 19 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 22 | 42 | 17 |
| Bishop's S | 19 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 27 | 43 | 16 |
| Carshalton | 19 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 19 | 39 | 16 |
| Heybridge | 19 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 18 | 47 | 13 |

**FIRST DIVISION:** Berkhamsted 0 Braintree 2; Canvey Island 2 Oxford City 0; Grays 2 Leyton Pennant 3; Hitchin 4 Bognor Regis 0; Leatherhead 4 Romford 1; Maidenhead 1 Whyteleafe 1; *Molesey 0 Croydon 0;* Staines 0 Yeading 0; Uxbridge 4 Chertsey 2; Wembley 0 Wealdstone 2. Second division: Abingdon Town 1 Wokingham 1, Barking 2 Witham 2; Edgware 1 Chalfont St Peter 1; Hemel Hempstead 2 Leighton 1, Met Police 2 Horsham 0. Third division: Cheshunt 2 Egham 1; Clapton 2 Hornchurch 3; Croydon 4 Tring 1; Flackwell Heath 3 Aveley 4; Lewes 6 Dorking 1.

**FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE:** Midland Conference: Mansfield 1 Walsall 2; Northampton 2 Stoke 3; West Brom 1 Lincoln 2. North West Conference: Burnley 1 Chester 1; Oldham 3 Wigan 1.

**FA PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE:** Under-19: Arsenal 2 Coventry 1; Blackburn 0 Aston Villa 0; Charlton 4 Bristol 0; Crystal Palace 2 Chelsea 1; Derby 1 West Ham 2; Ipswich 3 Millwall 1; Leicester 1 Newcastle 2; Liverpool 2 Everton 2; Man 1 Man 0; QPR 0 Fulham 2; Southampton 4 Wimbledon 2. Under-17: Charlton 2 Bristol 2; Coventry 3 Arsenal 0; Liverpool 2 Everton 1; Man Utd 4 Man City 0; Millwall 2 Crystal Palace 0; Newcastle 1 Leicester 0; Peterborough 0 Crewe 3; QPR 3 Fulham 2; Southampton 2 Wimbledon 5; Sunderland 0 Notts Forest 1; Tottenham 1 Watford 4.

**BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE:** Premier division: Cradley 2 Stafford 1; Darlaston 1 Bustleholme 1; Gornal 1 Malvern 1; Kington 3 Dudley Town 0; Ludlow 3 Wolverhampton Casuals 4; Smethwick 1 Lye 0; Tipton 3 Brierley Hill 0; Westfields 1 Bandon 1; Wolverhampton 3 Tividale 4.

**INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE:** Barwell 2 Willenhall 0; Bolehall Swifts ... Halesowen Harriers 0; Bridgnorth 2 Pershore 1; *Kings Norton 2 West Midlands Police 0;* Knypersley 0 Rushall Olympic 4; Pelsall Villa 1 Sandwell 2; Rocester 4 Shifnal 1 2; Stourport 1 Stratford 4.

**COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE:** Premier division: Farnham 4 Merstham 3; Godalming and Guilford 2 Sandhurst 0; Raynes Park Vale 0 Bedfont 2; Reading 3 *Feltham* 1; Walton Casuals 0 Ashford 0. Premier Challenge Cup: Netherne 2 Chessington and Hook 3; Westfield 6 Cove 0.

**NORTH WESTERN TRAINS LEAGUE:** First division: Atherton Collieries 0 *Cheadle* 2; Bootle 1 Ramsbottom 2; Holker OB 1 Skelmersdale 2; Leek CSO B 0 Salford 2; Nantwich 1. Glossop North End 3; Newcastle Town 3 Rossendale 1; Prescot Cables 6 Maine Rd 1.

**SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE:** Senior One: Old Woodhouseans 3 Parkfield 1; Southgate County 1 Old Grammarians 3.

## FA VASE

**THIRD ROUND:** Billingham 0 Clitheroe 2; Brandon 2 Goole 3; Chasetown 0 Wroxham 1; Chipstead 2 Tooting and Mitcham 2 (aet); Cobham 1 Camberley 2; Deal 1 Tiverton 2; *East Thurrock 3 Harlow 4 (aet); Fakenham 1* Bedford Town 4; Ford 4 Newmarket 3 (aet); Herne Bay 0 Banstead 2 (aet); Highfield 1 Garforth 2; Kidsgrove Ath 3 Oadby 1; Lymington and New Milton 4 Hungerford 0; Melksham 1 Ash 2; Mostley 3 St Andrews 0; Ramsgate 0 Bemerton Heath Harlequins 3; Royston 0 Sudbury Town 3; Seaham Red Star 0 Vauxhall GM 2; Spalding 2 Northwood 2 (aet); St Blazey 2 Porthleven 1; St Helens 3 Eccleshill 1; Staveley MW 0 Dunston FB 2; *Sudbury Wanderers 3 Brache Sparta 1;* Taunton 1 Dawlish 0; Thame 2 Letchworth 1; Warrington 2 Hanwell 1 (aet); Wick 3 Sidley 2 (aet); Woodbridge 1 Clacton 0; Workington 1 Tow Law 1. Bedlington Terriers v Mickleover Sports (Match abandoned due to floodlight failure). Postponed: Barkingside v Oldbury; *Bowers v Diss.*

**ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE:** First division: Chester-le-Street 2 Shildon 2; Consett 4 Newcastle Blue Star 2; Easington 4 *Billingham Synthonia 1; Guisborough 3* South Shields 1; Jarrow Roofing 2 Penrith 1; Marske 1 Stockton 1; West Auckland 3 Morpeth 1.

**COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENIC LEAGUE:** Premier division: Burnham 4 Shortwood 1; Fairford 2 Kintbury 0; Hallen 1 Didcot 0; Highworth 6 Harrow Hill 0; Swindon Supermarine 0 Abingdon 2; Tuffley 3 Cirencester Academy 4.

**ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION.** Premier division: Bilston Community College 1 Feckenham 2; Continental Star 6 Dudley Sports 0; GPT (Coventry) 0 Alveston 4; Massey Ferguson 2 Cheslyn Hay 3; Meir KA 4 Bolehall Swifts 1; Southam 1 Coleshill 1; Studley BKL 2 Handrahan Timbers 3.

**JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE:** Premier division: Felixstowe Port and Town 5 Maldon 4; Great Yarmouth 0 Harwich and Parkeston 2; Halstead 3 Gorleston 0; Ipswich 1 Walton 2; Soham 1 Bury Town 1.

**JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE:** First division: BAT 2 Bournemouth 2; Eastleigh 4 Cowes Sports 3; Fareham 1 Hamble ASSC 0; Moneyfields 1 Totton 2; Thatcham 5 Gosport 2; Whitchurch 3 Downton 1; Wimborne 5 Portsmouth 0.

**NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE:** Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 2 Pontefract Colls 0; Arnold 5 Ossett Town 2; Glasshoughton Welfare 1 Denaby 4; Hallam 2 Pickering 0; *Liversedge 2 Buxton 0;* Maltby MW 1 Brigg 1; North Ferriby 6 Selby 1; Thackley 0 Ossett Albion 2.

**MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE:** Premier division: Arlesey 0 Ruislip Manor 2; Beaconsfield Sycob 2 Islington St Mary's 1; Brimsdown 0 Brook House 5; Hoddesdon 1 Buckingham Athletic 0; Somersett Ambury 0 St Margaretsbury 0; Welwyn Garden 2 Harpenden 0.

**OLD BOYS LEAGUE:** Premier division: C.Manning OB 0 Old Buckwellians 1; Enfield OG 0 Old Salvatorians 0; Old Hamptonians 2 Glyn OB 1. Senior first division: Old Dorkinians 1 Shene OG 2; Old Reigatians 3 *Old Isleworthians 0. Senior Cup: All Matches* Postponed.

**ARTHURIAN LEAGUE:** Arthur Dunn Cup: Harrovians 1 Old Brentwoods 2; Old Cholmeleians 4 Old Carthusians 1; Wittelians 0 Haberdashers, 1. Premier division: Lancing 1 Old Foresters 2. First division: Wellingburians. 4 Wykehamists 1.

**SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE:** Ibis 2 Grantham 2; Kew Association 4 Merton 0; Old *Bromleians 1 Alexandra Park 1; Old Owens 3* Old Stationers 2; Old Parmiterians 0 Nat West Bank 2; Old Westminster Cits 1 Broomfield 2; Polytechnic 2 Lloyds Bank 0; South Bank 4 Old Lyonians 4; Winchmore Hill 1 Old Parkonians 1.

**AFA SENIOR CUP:** Second round: Alleyn Old Boys 0 Norsemen 1; *Bank Of England 2 Civil Service 3 (aet);* Cuaco 0 Old Tenisonians 6; Ealing Association 0 Old Salopians 2; East Barnet Old Grammarians 2 Old Chigwellians 0; Hale End 1 Honourable Artillery Com 2; Latymer OB 1 Old Salesians 2; Mill Hill Village 3 Old Esthameians 0; Nottsborough 3 City of London 2; *Old Bromleians 3 Old Manorians 2;* Old Ignatians 1 Old Aloysians 3; *Old Latymerians 3 Carshalton 4; Old Suttonians 1* Crouch End Vampires 2; Old Tiffinians 4 West Wickham 1; St Marys College 1 Old Finchleians 2; Westerns 2 Old Reptonians 5.

**SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE:** Premier division: Bideford 4 Odd Down 1; Bristol Manor Farm 2 Keynsham 1; Elmore 3 Bridlington 1; Paulton 1 Bridport 1; Westbury 2 Bishop Sutton 4; Yeovil TR 1 Backwell 2.

**UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE:** First division: Pagham 0 Broadbridge Heath 0; Portfield 2 Eastbourne 2; Redhill 2 Littlehampton 2; Saltdean 4 Shoreham 1. Postponed: Eastbourne Town v Hassocks; Hailsham v Chichester; Horsham YMCA v Whitehawk; *Ringmer v Selsey.* Second division: Lancing 2 Crowborough 0; Sidlesham 6 East Grinstead 0; Southwick 1 *Three Bridges* 3; Storrington 1 Mile Oak 1; Wilsdean 1 Crawley Down 3; Worthing 1 Shinewater Assoc 1. Third division: Franklands Village 2 Ansty 1; Hurstpierpoint 3 Royal and Sun Alliance 3; *Steyning 4 Haywards Heath 2;* Westfields 7 Buxted 1. John O'Hara League *Cup: Fourth round:* Burgess Hill 3 East Preston 3 (aet).

**WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE:** Premier division: Canterbury 1 Slade Green 4; Erith 0 Whitstable 6; Lordswood 3 Cray 2; VCD 3 Faversham 0.

***UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE:*** Premier division: Blackstone 3 Potton 0; Desborough 3 N Spencer 2; Holbeach 0 St Neots 1; Stotfold 2 Cogenhoe 2; Wellingborough 5 Eynesbury 2; Wootton 2 Bourne 2; Yaxley 5 Long Buckby 0. Knockout Cup: Buckingham 3 St Ives 2; S and L Corby 2 *Ford Sports* 3.

**FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE:** National division: Arsenal 2 Liverpool FC 0; Bradford 1 Millwall 1; Croydon 0 Doncaster 0; Ilkeston 1 Everton 0.

**FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Northern division: Leeds 1 Wolverhampton 1; Sheffield Wed 7 Huddersfield 2. Southern division: Ipswich 1 Barnet 3. Postponed: Brighton v Wimbledon.

**AXA FA WOMEN'S CUP:** Second round: *Bedford 2 West Ham 0;* Berkhamsted 3 Whitehawk 1; Bristol 4 Swindon 2; Highfield 1 Coventry 3; Ilkeston 2 Man 1; Oldham 2 Aston Villa 5 (aet).

**LEAGUE OF WALES:** Afan Lido 2 Rhyl 1; Bangor City 2 Cwmbran 2; Caersws 4 Haverfordwest 4; *Carmarthen Town 2 Barry Town 1;* Conwy 1 Newtown 0; Holywell 1 Inter Cable-Tel 2; Rhayader Town 2 Caernarfon Town 0; Total Network Solutions 2 Connah's Quay 0.

**PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE:** Brora 3 Cove 1; Buckie Thistle 0 Forres Mechanics 3; Elgin 2 Keith 1; Fraserburgh 9 Fort William 0; Huntly 4 Clachnacuddin 3; Nairn County 0 Rothes 2; Wick Academy 2 Lossiemouth 4. Postponed: Deveronvale v Peterhead.

**SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE:** *Premier division:* Coleraine 0 Crusaders 2; Glenavon 0 Cliftonville 0; Linfield 4 Ballymena 1; Newry 1 Portadown 2; Omagh Town 1 Glentoran 4. First division: Bangor 0 Larne 1; Carrick 4 Ards 1; Dungannon Swifts 1 Distillery 5; Limavady Utd 0 Ballyclare 1.

**FAI HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE:** Premier Division: Bohemians 1 St Patricks Ath 1; Waterford 1 Sligo Rovers 0. Derry City 1 Shamrock Rovers 1; Dundalk 1 Cork 0; Shelbourne 1 Bray 0; UCD 3 Finn Harps 0.

# POOLS CHECK

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FORECAST: Half-time: no draws required — amongst sent automatically — forecast is unclear; six score draws and 16 no-score draws. Full-time: no claims required — total cast is low; twelve score draws and six no-score draws.

FOOTBALL

# Bells toll loud for Gregory

Portsmouth .....0
Grimsby Town .....1

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

A BELL echoed funereally and incessantly in the KJC Stand at Fratton Park yesterday, accompanied by abusive chants directed at Martin Gregory, the Portsmouth chairman. Gregory, for whom the bell tolled, was not present — he was believed to be preparing for his annual winter skiing trip to Europe. Perhaps it was a wise choice.

Portsmouth are on a slippery slope, not so much on the playing front — although they hover only two points above the relegation zone of the Nationwide League First Division — but at the bank. They have debts of £5 million, are losing £40,000 a week and need attendances of 16,000 to break even. For the visit of Grimsby Town, 8,180 fans turned up.

Those that did displayed a raucous vocal passion and commitment to the cause, albeit much of it misguided. The sit-down protest in the centre circle at half-time, for the benefit of the television cameras, and the pitch invasion after the final whistle will bring nothing but threats of an inquiry from the Football Association.

Only after a plea from Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, did the 2,000 strong gathering disperse. "You've been fantastic, the whole country has seen how much you love this club," he told them from his platform in the directors' box. "Please believe me. We'll get this club spot on, we'll get it right. No one's leaving, no one's going anywhere."

Not according to Gregory, who placed all the players on the transfer list last week at bargain basement prices. John Aloisi, the Australia striker, whom Ball rates in the £2 million class, is due to have further talks with Alan Curbishley, the Charlton Athletic manager, today. The fee being mentioned is a derisory £500,000.

"That's how crazy this whole situation is," Ball said. "It wouldn't be so bad if you were getting decent prices, and could use some of the money to rebuild and replace those you have got rid of, but that's not the case. I can't agree with what the chairman is doing and the way he is doing it.

"If I got the right price for Aloisi, I would sell him. The fans wouldn't like it, but at least they would understand. The man in charge of valuations should be the manager — me — but that's not happening here any more. It's ludicrous, absolutely ridiculous. You can count me out of all this; I'm just not interested anymore."

Curbishley watched Aloisi yesterday and although personal terms apparently are proving an obstacle, he should invest quickly. Aloisi would have scored twice in a drab first half but for agile saves from Davison, the Grimsby goalkeeper. He is elegant and perhaps would not look out of place in the FA Carling Premiership.

Although his Portsmouth team-mates were unable to match his vitality, they at least retained a sense of humour. During the pre-match warm-up, they wore T-shirts displaying varying prices from £2.50 upwards. It might not qualify as the sale of the century, but it is under way nonetheless, whatever the emotions of Ball and the fans.

None of which appeared to affect Grimsby, who won with a neat goal from Groves, their captain, in the 67th minute. Smith slung over a corner, Groves headed firmly downwards and the ball flashed past Petterson. The crowd again directed their insults at Gregory and unfurled their uncomplimentary banners. And the bell tolled its sad tale.

PORTSMOUTH (4-1-3-2): A Petterson — T Thorgeirsen, A Thomson, A Awford, M Robinson — D Hiller — S Igoe, A McLoughlin, J Peron (sub: F Simpson, 67min) — J Aloisi, S Claridge (sub: L Nightingale, 73).
GRIMSBY TOWN (4-4-2): A Davison — J McDermott, S Livingstone (sub: R Smith, 82), P Handyside, A Gallimore — K Donovan, S Calderoni, P Groves, D Smith — L Nogan (sub: K Black, 64), L Ashcroft.
Referee: B Knight.



Angry supporters of Portsmouth stage a half-time protest on the pitch at Fratton Park. Photograph: Julian Herbert

# Taylor receives welcome cheer

Watford.....4
Stockport County.....2

BY PAT GIBSON

GRAHAM TAYLOR and Sir Elton John sat side by side in the directors' box in animated conversation, reviving memories of those heady days in the early Eighties when the manager's expertise and the pop star's money swept Watford to second place in the old first division and an FA Cup Final appearance at Wembley.

Both should have been resting their voices, Sir Elton because of a colossal workload that has kept him away all season; Taylor because of a complicated throat infection that put him in intensive care for a couple of days and left at home for a month.

They could not help themselves, however. "They definitely gave the whole place a lift," Kenny Jackett, the coach, who has been in charge during Taylor's absence, said after a Watford victory that consolidated their position of third in the Nationwide League first division. It is a considerable achievement by a club that was promoted from the second division only last season and has spent little on new players, but a crowd of less than 10,000 suggested that the Watford public doubts whether they can sustain a challenge to reach the FA Carling Premiership.

Gary Megson, the Stockport County manager, believes otherwise. "Watford are the best team we have played," he said, categorically. "All the talk that they won't stay up there, that this is their first year in this division and that they are just happy to consolidate is a bit of a smokescreen. It suits them."

Stockport were destroyed by two goals in the first seventeen minutes. Johnson scored the first with a spectacular volley and Wright deftly headed the second from Kennedy's cross.

Angell clipped the bar with a header on the hour, but Noel-Williams restored Watford's supremacy with a neat finish from Smart's pass before adding a fourth. Late goals from Connelly and Angell were scant consolation for Stockport before Sir Elton headed back to the yellow-brick road and Taylor prepared to ease himself back into his job.

WATFORD (4-4-2): A Chamberlain — D Bazeley, S Palmer, R Page, P Robinson — N Wright, M Hyde, R Johnson, P Kennedy — A Smart (sub: M Ngonge, 74min), G Noel-Williams.
STOCKPORT COUNTY (4-4-2): C Nash — S Connelly, M Flynn, M McIntosh, J Gannon — R Matthews (sub: A Wilbraham, 45), D McInnes, P Cook, K Cooper — I Moore, B Angell.
Referee: M Messias.

# Turner passes with honours

Ipswich Town .....0
Barnsley .....2

BY KEVIN EASON

AMONG the students lining up at Liverpool University tonight for their graduation ceremony will be one whose mind will be a long way from hallowed halls of learning and fixed on the floodlit arena of football.

Mike Turner's first request of his new manager was for the night off to collect his degree and Barnsley's John Hendrie was happy to oblige after the 22-year-old's contribution to this important victory over promotion-chasing Ipswich Town. Turner was brought into a flagging game after 65 minutes and created the first goal, then scored the second.

Hendrie sounded slightly surprised when he described his new signing, from Bilston, of the Dr Martens League as "an intelligent lad". Degree or not, Turner had the common sense to tread parts of the pitch ignored for an hour by both teams, using flanks that had been treated as though covered with hot coals.

Ipswich, for all their trickery and neat football, were disappointingly predictable. The best that they could manage was a few hopeful shots from outside the area, apart from a flicked Mowbray header that rebounded off an upright.

With Craig Hignett as their hub, Barnsley were always more threatening, particularly in the second half when Ipswich were bereft of ideas, their cause not aided by the departure of James Scowcroft with a broken collarbone.

The turning point, though, was the swapping of Turner for the largely ineffectual Burton. Turner went down the right wing, cut the back ball and McLare swept it home.

In recent weeks, Barnsley have hammered Huddersfield Town, won at Sunderland, drawn with Watford and now beaten Ipswich. "We are starting to show we are a much better side than people might have thought," Hendrie said, after Turner had scored in injury time, set up by Barnard.

So Barnsley, having steadied the ship, are sailing towards safety, but Ipswich will not strike fear into too many teams on this form.

IPSWICH TOWN (3-5-2): R Wright — M Thetis, A Mowbray, M Venus — A Tanner, J Clapham, K Dyer, M Holland, B Peña — S Abou, J Scowcroft (sub: R Naylor, 58min).
BARNSLEY (3-5-2): A Bullock — A Moses, S Jones, M Appleby — N Eaden, E Tinkler, S McLare, C Hignett, D Barnard — D Burton (sub: M Turner, 63), B Dyer
Referee: M Dean

# Rangers rely on their best bargain

BY PHIL GORDON

LIKE many others this week, Dick Advocaat will give in to the impulse to bring out the cheque book for that irresistible purchase. Unlike most other people, however, the Rangers coach is an all-year-round shopper.

Neil McCann could hardly be described as a stocking-filler at £2 million, but the Heart of Midlothian midfield player's move to Ibrox, which should be completed today, will pale in comparison beside some of Advocaat's more expensive acquisitions. McCann's arrival will push the Dutchman's spending beyond £35 million, but the reality is that he has received more from those whose value was less.

Already, he has decided to sell Gabriel Amato back to Spain, just five months after his £4.2 million transfer from Real Mallorca. Celta Vigo seems the likely destination for the burly Argentinian striker.

The jury remains out on Andrei Kanchelskis, the record £5.5 million signing, while Stephane Guivarc'h was removed after an hour of an unflattering display against Kilmarnock on Saturday. The one man who continues to provide value for money is Rod Wallace. The only outlay on the free agent from Leeds United has been salary, but he is more than paying his way, as he demonstrated with his fifteenth goal of the season in Saturday's top-of-the-table game.



Wallace: scoring regularly

Wallace stole in behind the Kilmarnock defence after ten minutes of a ragged encounter to stab Barry Ferguson's cross beyond the reach of Gordon Marshall, the goalkeeper. "It has been a great start for me at Rangers," Wallace reflected. "I once scored 21 in a season with Southampton, but hopefully I am heading for a career best."

Herejected offers from Middlesbrough, West Ham and Benfica to move to Glasgow and feels he has answered those who doubted his judgment.

Bobby Williamson, the Kilmarnock manager, now has to fill the void left by Jerome Vareille, who came off after eighteen minutes at Ibrox and is likely to be out for several months with a shoulder injury. Kilmarnock's title challenge looked to be as flimsy as Vareille's shoulder on Saturday's evidence, but had the Frenchman not squandered a gilt-edged invitation to score in the fifth minute, they could have repeated their victories of the previous two season at Ibrox.

Williamson reflected later: "You don't get many chances here and you have to take those you get. Vareille's absence will be a blow, but we are only three points behind and it's not over yet."

Disappointment remains an ever-present emotion with Celtic, although the champions managed to scramble a 1-1 draw at Dundee United, thanks to Henrik Larsson's 85th-minute header, which cancelled out a 49th-minute goal from Lars Zetterlund, his fellow Swede.

Managerless Aberdeen lifted themselves off the bottom, goals from Robbie Winters and Eoin Jess being enough to subdue Hearts, whose own manager, Jim Jefferies, is being linked with the vacancy at Pittodrie.

Sublime goals from Gary Bollan, of St Johnstone, and Dariusz Adamczuk, of Dundee, were out of context with a turgid 1-1 draw, while John Spencer scored again for Motherwell in their 1-1 draw at Dunfermline.

# Fulham accentuate the contrast

Fulham.....4
Burnley.....0

BY ALYSON RUDD

FULHAM are breaking the Prime Directive. If they were part of the intergalactic world of *Star Trek*, they would be in big trouble. The Directive, as every Trekkie knows, protects societies from interference and imbalance so that, should Kirk stumble across a backward race, they are forbidden to assist or give the populace a glimpse of new science.

Kevin Keegan's club, however, are doing just that. This is the Nationwide League second division, the land where famous names customarily appear because they are on their way out, not because they are approaching their peak. Fulham are creating havoc because they have money, an all-time great as a manager and the ability to attract the best.

As the packed line of executive boxes illuminated the rows of supporters standing in the rain on the terraces, it bordered on the indecent. But all was redeemed when the lady in charge of the press room opened her cake tins to distribute the scones she made at home, some fruited, some plain.

Such a welcoming, homespun gesture was not offered to Burnley and the visitors were overawed. It was an example of how breaking the Directive affects the status quo.

Stan Ternent, the Burnley manager, seldom reveals the content of his team talks but now, after this mauling, he made an exception. "Today I felt they let themselves down, certainly let me down and the supporters and everyone associated with Burnley Football Club down," Ternent said. "And that's what I told them in the dressing-room. I wouldn't normally tell you what was said in the dressing-room, but that's how I feel about it."

Keegan was not quite as upbeat as might have been expected. This may have been partly because four goals was the absolute minimum such a performance deserved and partly because Barry Hayles, his recent £2 million purchase from Bristol Rovers, struggled for much of the game.

Fortunately for Hayles, though, Paul Peschisolido was in such outstanding form that the chances just kept coming and Hayles finally dispatched his first goal for the club, Fulham's third of the game, 12 minutes into the second half.

Simon Morgan scored twice in the first half and Peschisolido rounded it off with a nonchalant, individual goal in the 74th minute. "He's the best player in this division," Keegan said. Indeed he is and he and the rest of the team would be far better suited to the first division.

FULHAM (5-2-1-2): M Taylor — G Ullenbeek, K Symons, S Morgan, C Coleman, R Brevett — S Hayward, N Smith (sub: F Kelier, 75min) — P Peschisolido — G Horsfield (sub: J Salako, 85), B Hayles.
BURNLEY (4-4-2): P Crichton — M Heywood, G Armstrong, C Brass, B Reid — M Robinson, M Ford, M Hewlett (sub: B Mayllett, 46), J O'Kane — A Cooke (sub: K Henderson, 74), A Payton.
Referee: R Oliver.

# Peterborough end Orient's run of form

Leyton Orient .....1
Peterborough United.....2

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

LEYTON Orient, the undoubted form side of the Nationwide League third division, went into the game on Saturday on the verge of equalling their best unbeaten run for more than 30 years. Whether it was ten games or 12 depended on the inclusion (or not) of FA Cup ties; but by 4.47pm all such debate was academic.

Purists might claim that the run had ended several days earlier, when Peterborough United warmed up for this match by beating a below-strength Orient 3-0 in the Auto Windscreens Shield. Barry Fry, the Peterborough manager, relished the opportunity to drive the point home. "We beat their reserves, and now we've beaten their first team. They were the in-form team, and we came to play better football and score more goals, which we did."

On one hand, the attitude of Tommy Taylor, the Orient manager, was: "Run? What run?" "You just go from game to game and you want to get three points," he said. On the other, he implied that one or two "Billy Bigtimes", as he referred to certain members of his team, might have got carried away with Orient's invulnerability, even though Kingstonian had stretched them almost to breaking point a week previously in the FA Cup. "Some think they're better than they are," he said. "Peterborough kept it simple."

In the end, it came down to McKenzie and MacKenzie. Leon McKenzie, who is nearing the end of a three-month period on loan to Peterborough from Crystal Palace, was the game's outstanding player. His turn and run after 17 minutes forced the first of two corners, the second headed in, unchallenged, by McKenzie himself. Orient replied immediately, Smith converting a penalty awarded for Hooper's challenge on Griffiths.

Ten minutes from time, Chris MacKenzie, the Orient goalkeeper, failed to hold a shot from Steve Castle and Drewe Broughton hit the decider.

LEYTON ORIENT (3-5-2): C MacKenzie — S Hicks (sub: C Mitchell, 85 min), D Smith, S Clark — M Joseph, W Basil, M Ling, W Watchorn (sub: A Inghilleri, 68), M Lockwood — A Simpson (sub: S Wass, 89), C Griffiths.
PETERBOROUGH UNITED (4-4-2): M Tyler — D Hooper, A Edwards, P Chapple, A Drury — D Farrell, S Castle, S Blades, M Etherington (sub: R Stolt, 78) — D Broughton, L McKenzie.
Referee: M Halsey.

# Woking continue to climb from depths

Woking .....2
Kidderminster Harriers .....1

BY WALTER GAMMIE

FREED from the shackles imposed by John McGovern, Woking have put behind them a shocking start to the season. A fifth successive win in the Football Conference under Brian McDermott moved them into twelfth place at the expense of Kidderminster, their opponents at Kingfield on Saturday.

Victory took a long time in coming against a side whose season has been dragged down by their away form. Kidderminster took the lead before half-time when Jon Purdie was adjudged to have been brought down by Steve Perkins. Kevin Willetts put away the penalty.

For a long time it looked as though Kidderminster would hang on to gain a second away win in nine matches. Batty in the Woking goal had already been at his sharpest to deny Yates and to block a shot at his near post by Hadley. In the second half, he reacted well to fist away a right-foot strike by Purdie and was then grateful to see Steele turn clear an effort by May at the far post.

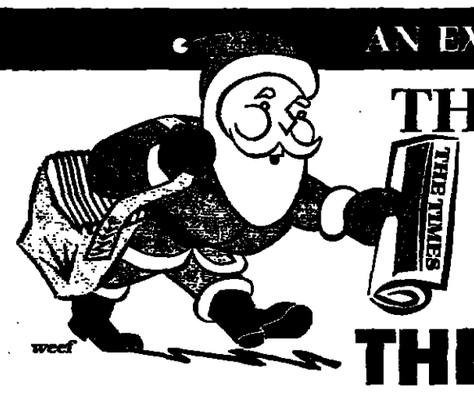
Woking, however, finally showed the benefits of a double substitution at half-time that was swiftly followed by the arrival of Hay after an injury to Saunders.

Payne jumped to flick a clever sidefooted shot home from a cross by Hay, after Hollingdale and Girdler had worked the ball across the top of the area. Two minutes later, Hollingdale played Hay through with a pass from the left. The striker's initial effort lacked conviction and was smothered by Book but, as the goalkeeper struggled to grasp the ball, Hay dragged it clear of his despairing lunge before thumping home his shot.

Hay's intervention provided a vivid flourish to an afternoon of hard attrition on which the draws gained by Leek Town, Forest Green Rovers and Telford United at the expense of high-riding Cheltenham Town, Stevenage Borough and Rushden and Diamonds underlined that few Conference points are easily gained nowadays.

WOKING (5-3-2): L Batty — S Perkins, E Saunders (sub: D Hay, 46min), S Smith, M Darcey, R Hollingdale — A Ellis (sub: S Girdler, 46), P Gridelet, D Bell (sub: S Steele, 46) — S West, G Payne
KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (4-4-2): S Book — K Willetts (sub: J Deakin, 57), P Webb, A Smith, L Hynes — S Cunnington, M Yates, S Taylor, J Purdie — L May, S Hadley
Referee: W Toms


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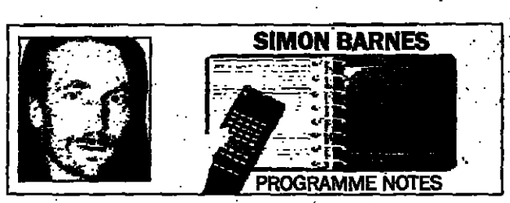
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CHANGING TIMES

# Divided loyalties aroused by split personalities




Greg Rusedski said that the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award was "the biggest award you can win as a sportsman in Britain". Robin Askew, the actor, said much the same thing after winning a showbiz award twenty-odd years ago.

He was not holding up one of the gorgeous golden masks created by the great Mitzi Cunliffe, for this was not a Bafta. He had not been selected by a committee of the good and the great, seeking to make a decision on a fair, wise and objective basis. No: this was an award decided by public vote. So far as I remember, it was an ITV/*Sun* award, and I think you voted by sending in a form from *The Sun*. Askew never got a Bafta, never got the critical award he deserved for his performance of existential power and depth as that tortured soul, Timothy Lee. The name of the work was *Confessions of a Window Cleaner*.

Askew won the award for the achievement of tickling people's fancies. The BBC Sports Personality award rewards those who have done precisely the same thing. You can argue for ages about what the award is really all about, but the argument is fruitless. It means precisely what any individual voter wants it to mean.

If you ever seriously believed that it marked the highest possible sporting achievement, you lost your illusions in 1996, when Steve Redgrave won his fourth Olympic gold medal and Damon Hill won the award for coming second in the Formula One world championship.

Winning the damn thing would not have been worth a single one of Redgrave's golds in any serious, objective sporting terms. Winning that fourth medal was one of the greatest moments of sport any of us will be around to see. The only possible rival will be if the old boy does the impossible in 2000.

No, you win the award because people like the cut of your jib. Of course, it helps if you have achieved something really rather splendid in a heavily televised sport, like winning the World Cup: Bobby Moore won in 1966. A track-and-field Olympic medal is a help too. In 1992, Linford Christie won the Olympic 100 metres, the greatest single event in sport. But no, he didn't get the award in 1992. That went to Nigel Mansell, who won the Formula One world championship.

Again, his was a lesser achievement. But, you see, the poor soul had been trying for years, and his constant oppression at the hands of filthy foreigners had touched people's hearts. And of course, the win was fresh in the memory. Linford got it the following year, after a great world championship, but, all the same, he did better the year that he didn't get it. The same was true of Daley Thompson, who failed to win the award when he won Olympic gold in 1984 — Torvill and Dean, equally deserving, got it — but Thompson won with lesser achievements in 1982. In 1988, Britain won the Olympic hockey gold medal, in a tournament that was a great national obsession while it lasted. But it wasn't Sean Kerly who got the award, it was dear old Steve Davis.

I remember Steve talking about journalistic awards, and saying it must be great to have them, because we press chaps didn't otherwise get the chance to compete with each other. But you don't get an award by reaching the tape in front of the others, or even by putting balls into little pockets. You get it because certain people like the cut of your prose. The fact of the matter in these popular-voting type awards is that the voter has no pretence of objectivity. It is all about what fired your imagination, what gave you pleasure.

And what gives pleasure is not necessarily victory. Gallant failures who have won the award include Paul Gascoigne, who got the award for failure and blubbing. Greg Rusedski got the award last year for his — genuinely — gallant failure to win the US Open, beaten in the final by Pat Rafter. In 1995, when Frank Bruno at last won a world boxing title, the award went to Jonathan Edwards, because he seemed a nice fellow.

It is not really anything to do with sport, this award. It is to do with caprice, with pleasure. And that is actually its point, its strength. Who cheered us up? Who put a spring in our step? Who seemed a really nice sort? Then put the name down and send it off in the knowledge that neither your vote, nor the award, nor sport itself is a very great matter. People involved in sport, including sportswriters, take sport with very great seriousness.

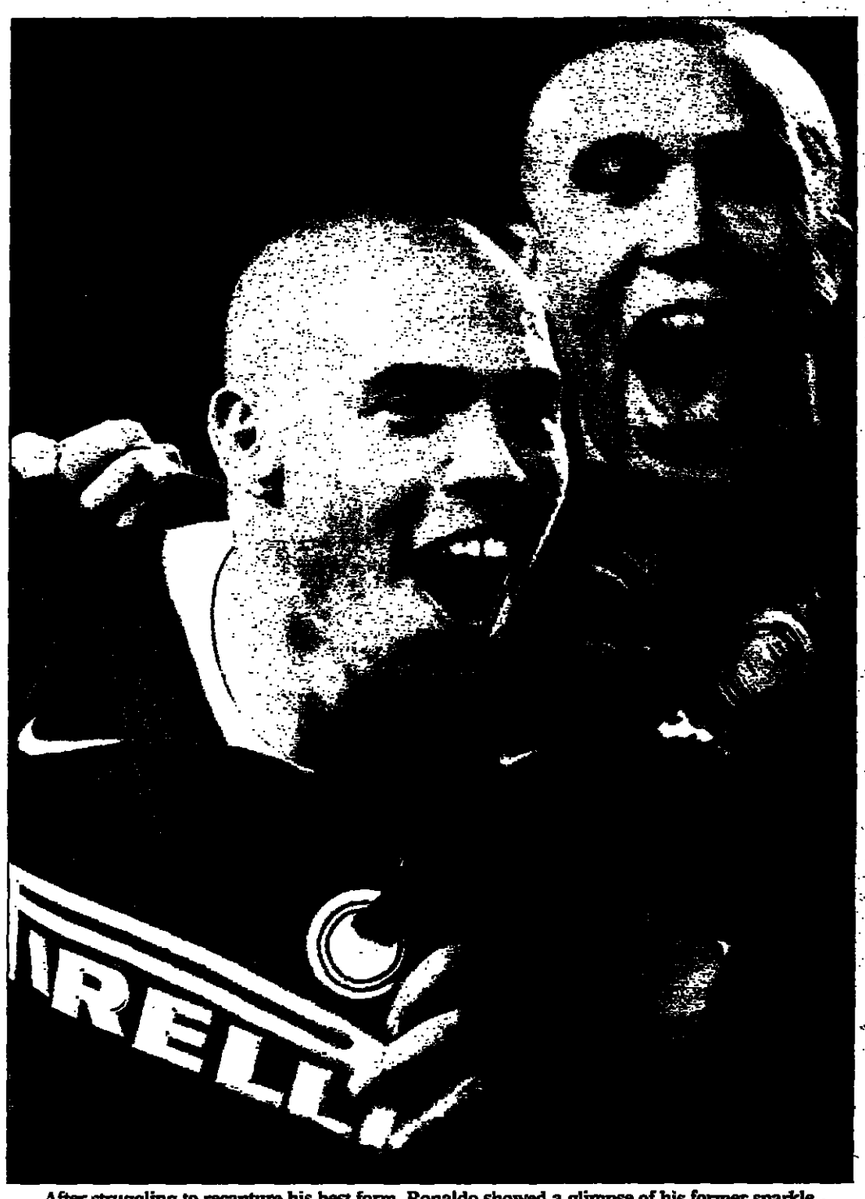
The award, and its capriciousness and its downright injustice, reminds us of a crucial fact. People watch sport for pleasure — not for duty.

## 'It is self-wounding to push him more quickly than nature to an early decline'

# Why it is folly to write off Ronaldo

**ROB HUGHES**






After struggling to recapture his best form, Ronaldo showed a glimpse of his former sparkle when scoring for Internazionale in the 1-0 victory away to Udinese in Serie A yesterday



**'We saw that eerie view of him groping morosely through the World Cup final'**

The nectar of sport is at its keenest when youth excels, and it is distressing when critics rush to hasten their decline. From Milan comes the headline "Ronaldo Is Finished".

Is he? The debate is premature, though not without substance. The Brazil striker is going through the most rapid of down-cycles even in modern sports. In the spring, he was the finest footballer on earth: by summer we puzzled over his scary World Cup final appearance; and in midwinter there are some in Italy wanting to reduce him from *numero uno* to a shell of the man he was.

Even Ronaldo, being bounced from one medical opinion to another, admits that the pain in his knees is chronic and he is despairing of breaking that cycle of pain equalling poor performance. As he returned to Milan from yet another incomplete performance for Internazionale in the European Cup Champions' League on Wednesday, he could not have failed to read the signs.

From billboards close to San Siro, a young and fresh face stared out at him. *L'Ultima Stella del Calcio Britannico*, they read — The Ultimate Star of British Football. Michael Owen is crowding Ronaldo's territory. Owen is 18 and he has what the marketeers deem will sell Christmas gifts. Ronaldo, poor dear, is already 22.

A part of me cries out that this multi-media game should be stopped, that the insensitive spiral of the pedestal and the fall should be arrested. Remember, if Ronaldo is written off so soon, the same fate could await Owen when he loses his instant appeal.

There is cause, no doubt, for concern over Ronaldo. He is drained and he looks it. Rather than the breathtaking skill with which he mesmerised Colin Hendry at the start of the World Cup, we saw that eerie view of Ronaldo groping morosely through the final in the Stade de France.

A billion pairs of eyes scrutinised that. There was too little information to know the meaning of his alleged "convulsive fit" hours before the game, though if there was medical credence to this, it borders on the criminal for Ronaldo to have been required, or allowed, to trudge through the final.

He is in a country where the creatine explosion has reached such fearful proportions that a magistrate last week demanded medical records of 45 players who died prematurely in Italy over the past ten years, and who are considered "suspicious deaths".

No one says that Ronaldo is endangered, but more than one physician has suggested that the power and speed generated by those enormous thighs have caused the degeneration in his knees. What they fail to say is that, as the product of a hopelessly drug-addicted father and a mother who sold pizzas to pay his bus fares, Ronaldo has been hawked around the football world from the age of 12.

Money in ever-more escalating sums, from £12,500 in 1990 to £20 million seven years later, has changed hands between five clubs who, regardless of the knee ligament and tendon surgery that he first needed at 17, have coveted the goals and paid the financial price.

Nike, Pirelli, an Italian cheesemaker and a Brazilian brewer all pay him substantially and seek to extract returns. In the circumstances, especially when one meets him and finds that he is an unexceptional but rational young man, he seems to respond with good nature to an unnatural adolescence, youth and early manhood.

In Monte Carlo in September, serene in the company of his fiancée, Susanna Werner, he gave the impression that he had overcome the trauma of the World Cup and relished playing again. "I'm not what they say, a phenomenon," he tried to explain. "I am Ronaldo, trying to do my best."

The question of whether Ronaldo is finished is preoccupying Milton Petroni, the physiotherapist whom Ronaldo has brought to Europe from Brazil, and Piero Volpi, whom Internazionale pay to get him onto the pitch.

They have different minds: Petroni cautions that his player needs complete rest from his inflamed knee tendons; Volpi begs to differ and thinks it should be a match-by-match assessment. So Ronaldo, unconvincing against Sturm Graz on Wednesday, was back to play against Udinese yesterday and score a last-minute winning goal.

If the medical advice is conflicting, who are we to spread alarm about the next decade of Ronaldo? If pressed, I would say that the absolute height of Ronaldo, at least on any sustained basis, may already have passed. He may be too damaged, or too rich, to push himself or to believe in the same innocent way that if he merely follows his instincts, he will run through any opposition.

That quality, at present, belongs to Michael Owen. Yet it would be careless to assume that the English boy will maintain his startling pace, his fearless and unquestioning style, for anything like the 231 goals in 271 games that so far represent Ronaldo's mark on the game. True, Owen has a stable and supportive home background, but the questions that Ronaldo now faces could be just around the corner for him, like the change of the picture on a billboard.

One example for them both was seen at Old Trafford on Wednesday where Lothar Matthäus, 38 in March, gave us an hour of his time. Matthäus has also been to Milan, and also suffered an horrendous knee injury while with Inter. After his comeback, he could not recapture the dynamism that he once had in midfield, yet he still has the mentality of a winner.

Matthäus still works visibly harder on the training ground than young pretenders, men with that precious youth, who think the day that they wear his mantle can be only just around the corner.

Franz Beckenbauer, the president of Bayern Munich, sees it otherwise. He sees a competitor of the old school showing up the lack of dedication in youngsters. And Beckenbauer, and all of those with eyes, can see in Matthäus the hope for Ronaldo.

Surely it is foolish and self-wounding for anyone who marvels at his skill, to want to push him more quickly than nature is doing to a regrettable early decline. Why not let him know that we, the fans worldwide, wish him well, and wish for our own selfish reasons to restore the bond between a player who can and spectators who wish they could? But if resurgence comes, our part of the bargain should be to lower, just a notch or two, the hysterical Ronaldomania.




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# Maier ignites Austrian resurgence

FROM JOHN HOPKINS IN VAL D'ISERE

IN THE matter of ski racing, the normal scheme of things was resumed in the Alps yesterday, after an astonishing turn of events 24 hours earlier. Hermann Maier, the great Austrian skier who was the overall champion in the 1998 World Cup, after winning 11 races, and Stephan Eberharter, his countryman, finished first and second respectively in the super giant slalom here in the Criterium de la Premiere Neige. In fact, Austrians took five of the first ten places.

"Today was a good race for me," Maier said after his second victory of the season. He was smiling and joking and looked altogether happier than he had on Saturday, when his start number of 13 foretold his bad luck and poor finish — 36th in the downhill. "This made up for yesterday," he said.

The weather had looked unpromising before the start of the race. Although there was no difficulty for the recreational skiers who arrived at this resort, there were predictions that the race might have to be cancelled to allow the skiers to move on to Italy, where there is a slalom today. Low cloud seemed to shroud the matter and a light drizzly rain was falling.

It was, though, clear up at the top and within moments of the start it was just as clear that, this time, the Austrians had got their tactics right. Maier, from a starting position of eighth, powered his way down the mountain in 1min 18.73sec, a target that proved more than one second better than Eberharter, whose time was 1min 19.91sec.

Success was all the sweeter as Maier won here last year, only to be disqualified for removing his skis too soon after the finish. "This is already a better season than Alberto Tomba had after his all-conquering 1988 season," Maier said. "He won only one race the following season and I've already won two."

Eberharter said: "I am happy we had a fair race today. Everything was fair: the piste, the weather. I cut yesterday's race out of my mind. We knew what had happened — the conditions changed. It was one of those things. Skiing is an open-air sport. You have to deal with different conditions and yesterday we did not."

Led by Maier, the Austrians skied the super giant slalom as if wanting to blow away the disastrous result in the downhill, collectively Austria's worst-ever in a downhill. Suddenly all the memories of an event in which the 11 competing Austrians all finished between fifteenth and 47th were gone.

What had happened on Saturday, the Austrian said, was they had chosen their starting numbers incorrectly, placing their best skiers between numbers 11 and 21, when they thought the weather would be at its best.

In fact it was at its worst, with poor snow and bad light and one by one the Austrians limped home way down the field — Eberharter was 23rd, Andreas Schifferer 29th and Fritz Strobl 31st. "It was not possible for them to ski fast with the numbers they had," Lasse Kjus, of Norway, the race winner, said graciously. "The conditions were difficult. I was lucky. I had a late number, it was smart to take a late number, but then I always take a late number."

To be at a French ski resort when a French skier is competing is to be made aware of the intense musical support. Here the noise is magnified when Jean-Luc Cretier, the Olympic downhill champion, is on the piste because Cretier lives in Bourg St Maurice, just down the mountain, where his wife owns a perfume shop.

As Cretier began his run just after 11am yesterday morning, cowbells started jangling, drums banging and somewhere among the spectators at the finish a band struck up. It did not do Cretier much good, though. He skied poorly by his own standards, finishing nearly four seconds behind Maier.

The ski industry in Austria is an important part of that country's economic programme, which explains why so many Austrian schillings are spent producing many of the world's best skiers year after year. The Saturday blip apart, the Austrians can claim supremacy in both men's and women's skiing at the moment. Just as Maier is probably the best male skier in the world, so Alexandra Meissnitzer is his equivalent among the women. Austrian skiing, in short, may never have been as good as it is now.

"It takes six good races to get into the team and everyone is pushing one another," Eberharter said in his excellent English. "We have a lot of good trainers and a lot of good skiers. Yes, this is Austria's strongest-ever team."

JACK DABAGHIAN



*Maier finds his form in the super giant slalom yesterday*

**This week in THE TIMES**



**Tomorrow**
Patrick Vieira, above, faces a Football Association disciplinary panel after his unsavoury behaviour at Hillsborough following Paolo Di Canio's infamous pushing of the referee. *Matt Dickinson* reports from Birmingham on what is expected to be a heavy punishment for the Arsenal player.

**Wednesday**
Marcel Desailly, the rock of Chelsea's defence, looks forward to the top-of-the-table Premiership match with Manchester United.

**Thursday**
Who will Manchester United meet in the Champions' League quarter-finals in the new year?

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Match-by-match guide to the Premiership. Danny Baker, Robert Elms and Oliver Holt.

**John Goodbody** uncovers a saga of unfair dealings at the highest level of table tennis

# 'Having him as chairman is like a timebomb waiting to explode'




The world of sport will be shaken today by revelations that one of England's leading officials is accused of exploiting a blatant conflict of interest between his business activity and his sporting duties.

Alan Ransome, appointed OBE last year and a member of the powerful National Olympic Committee under the presidency of the Princess Royal, remains chairman of the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA), a post that he has held since 1991, despite being a director of a company that negotiates equipment contracts with his own national governing body.

After a series of complaints about Ransome's dual role from aggrieved rival manufacturers and with millions of pounds of lottery money being poured into the sport, the English Sports Council (ESC) has been forced to act. In the past year, the ESC has ordered the ETTA to change its rules so that Ransome cannot nominate his own vice-chairmen, who make up the management committee, running the sport. However, his own evident conflict of interest remains because he is still the ETTA chairman and also managing director of Ransome Sporting Goods, the distributor in Britain for Butterfly, the international equipment and clothing company.

Everyone in the sport knows of Ransome's double role, which many consider has damaged table tennis in the 1990s. This is a decade in which England has staged both the world and European championships, although only thanks to the support of more than £1 million of public money and also cash from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

Many of the most valuable deals in the 1990s, such as those at the world and European championships, have gone to Butterfly.

Ransome maintains that he has stuck to the rules regarding ETTA members. "When a matter in which they have a financial interest is raised, they must always declare their interest and leave the meeting until invited back after the topic is concluded. I have always followed this ruling," he said.

Certainly the ETTA members did not seem overtly concerned at any potential conflict of loyalties as, in 1991, he was elected national chairman, despite internal opposition.

Ransome promised to set up a trade committee to administer any business in which he was considered to have commercial interest. He has also pointed out that he "has had no opportunity to attend meetings or any involvement in its nominations or elections, thus ensuring that any 'potential' conflict did not become a 'real' conflict of interest".

However, his election still worried other manufacturers and distributors and they were right to be concerned. In 1991, in *Harpers' Sport Magazine*, Ransome, already elected ETTA chairman, stated: "Butterfly is far and away the market leader in the specialist segment." As regards provision of tables, he added: "Butterfly is again, probably, the market leader while, within the hobby market, Schildkrot is the likely leader in the supply of table tennis balls." His company is also the distributor of Schildkrot balls in Britain.

This brought an outraged letter from Merrick Wolman, managing director of Halex, whose table tennis balls are internationally renowned. He wrote that these words were "clearly an abuse of his position as chairman of the ETTA".

By 1993, the trade committee itself was voicing concerns at Ransome's dual role, suggesting that he "may be using his position as ETTA chairman to gain a competitive advantage for his commercial interests".

At this time, negotiations over the England team clothing contract were taking place for the 1994 European championships in Birmingham. Harvey Webb, the chairman of the trade committee, said that he had been "hoodwinked" by Ransome to Butterfly's advantage, as the company had to have six months' notice on the use of a sponsor's name and the ETTA lost crucial time in approaching other companies.

> 'His election worried rival manufacturers and distributors — they were right to be concerned'

Ransome disputes Webb's version of events.

Webb also raised his concern over the Euro '94 poster that "featured a player wearing a Butterfly shirt with the logo being very prominent" and that "other traders could have justifiable complaint". It subsequently turned out that the poster was not produced by the ETTA or the executive committee for the European championships, but by Ransome himself, paid for by the governing body.

Tenders to supply equipment for these championships had been sent out in 1992 but several trading companies voiced concern about the procedure. After an inquiry, the ETTA council pronounced itself satisfied. What it did not discover was that negotiations continued with Butterfly after the sealed bids were opened. Three companies, Joola, Cornilleau UK Ltd and Tamasu Butterfly Europa GMBH, the German arm of Butterfly, put in sealed bids. Joola offered a loan of equipment and £50,000 in cash. Cornilleau offered some services, promotional support and £57,000.

Butterfly's sealed offer was different. Its original bid quoted no cash whatsoever but offered to pay entirely in provision of 330 table tennis tables, which the governing body would then sell. After the three bids were opened, Ransome began negotiating for Butterfly against the governing body of which he himself was chairman. Butterfly finally concluded an agreement with the ETTA for £65,000 in cash and a loan of equipment for the championships and also for 50 per cent of the national events for the next three years.

Ransome denies that he has ever known what the two offers from rival companies were. However, the fact that negotiations continued after the sealed bids were opened, meant that the basis for bidding between the three companies was not the same.

During the discussions over the equipment contract, Elaine Shaw, the ETTA chief executive, asked to withdraw because Ransome's use of his dual role was placing her in an invidious position. In fact, after the 1994 European championships had taken place, Ransome appeared for Butterfly to negotiate compensation from his own association. He claimed that the contract for the championships had not been observed and won 24 free advertising spaces, normally costing £555 each (a total of £13,320), for his company in *Table Tennis News*, the house magazine.

In 1995, the Sports Council held a meeting to hear the complaints of two of the traders, recommending a meeting between them and the ETTA. This has never taken place.

Communications between the two sides continued to be a problem. In February 1996, the ETTA wrote to manufacturers requesting bids to supply tables for the English Open. David Taber, the managing director of Cornilleau, pointed out that it was impossible to make any offer because the normal lead-in time for the production of tables was six weeks, plus time for delivery. He complained that invitations had been sent out too late and that Butterfly had gained several weeks' advantage.

Ransome's dual role has continued to cause serious concern. Last year, Harvey Webb, a vice-president of the association since 1986, addressed a meeting of the national council, on the subject of Ransome's conflict of interests. He said: "Having Alan Ransome as chairman is a timebomb waiting to explode under this association."

Indeed, in the past two years, Ransome's reign has attracted even more controversy. The bad publicity aroused over the staging of the 1997 world championships in Manchester was a blow to Ransome's ambitions to promote the sport in this country. At the grass roots, he has also been unable to stem the decline in the number of clubs from 8,119 in 1978-79 to 3,019 in 1996-97.

Some of Ransome's actions, or lack of them, have been surprising. One was his failure to last year to oppose the election as treasurer of Aubrey Drapkin, despite Ransome's knowledge of Drapkin's suspect record, which included incorrectly understating the true loss of the association by more than £34,000. He resigned in the same year, 1987.

Yet last year, with no objection from Ransome, Drapkin was elected treasurer again. In fact he did not take office because, unknown to Ransome, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in 1995 had reprimanded Drapkin and fined him £5,000 for breaching its rules, and uncovered a series of misleading accounts. Referring to last year's election, Ransome said: "I did not have sufficient reason to object to Aubrey Drapkin's nomination. I was not responsible for initiating his nomination."

Even more damaging for the reputation of Ransome and the ETTA has been the dispute with Rainbow Press Ltd, a printing company in Loughton, Essex, which published *Table Tennis News*.

The company had been printing the magazine since 1994 and it had often been told by the ETTA that it was selling 2,000 copies per issue. In 1996, Rainbow took over the publication as well as the printing of the magazine but discovered that the figure was nearer to 1,100. Rainbow claims that Ransome was present at meetings involving the inaccurate figures, though Ransome denies this.

Nonetheless, Brian Halliday, the ETTA's vice-chairman of public relations, stated that Rainbow should receive £4,000 as compensation. They have never received it.

In 1996, there was a further meeting. Ransome is recorded as accepting that "misleading information was provided" but said it was "not deliberate". Later that year, Rainbow's solicitors issued a writ claiming losses of more than £36,000. Rainbow Press itself has gone into liquidation, owing about £200,000.

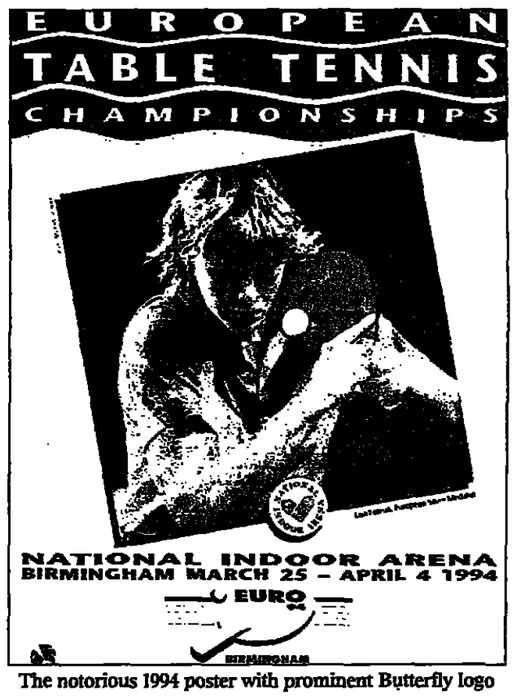
Alan Ransome has trodden a fine line over many years. Clearly the time has come for him either to give up his business interests or to relinquish his position at the top of English table tennis.



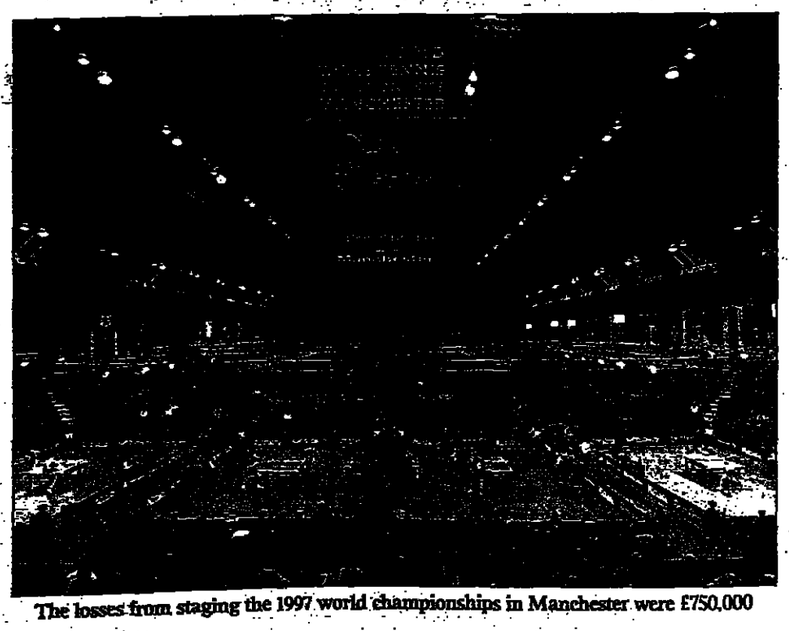
Alan Ransome with his OBE for services to table tennis

**ALLEGATIONS AGAINST RANSOME**

- He unfairly used his position to talk up his company, Butterfly, as a market leader.
- There was a delay in securing potential sponsors of the 1994 European championships because of his actions.
- He produced an English Table Tennis Association poster for those European championships promoting his own company.
- He won a contract to supply equipment in 1994 by being able to continue negotiations after sealed bids had been opened.
- He negotiated compensation for his own company from the association of which he was chairman.
- In 1996, the English Table Tennis Association did not allow rival manufacturers time to bid for supplying tables.
- He failed to stop the appointment of a treasurer known to be unreliable.
- He was present when a printing company, which later went bankrupt, was given incorrect information in a business deal.




The notorious 1994 poster with prominent Butterfly logo



The losses from staging the 1997 world championships in Manchester were £750,000

# Unlimited devotion but limited delegation

Alan Ransome has had a long career in table tennis, nearly 40 years, and is now a member of the all-powerful National Olympic Committee, on which he sits with the top officials of all the other major international sports under the presidency of the Princess Royal.

His rise began with his successful campaign to become the chairman of the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) in 1991. He stated in his campaigning pamphlet that he was a member of the English senior team, something that he repeated when he supplied the information for the official 1996 Olympic handbook in Atlanta, where he was team manager.

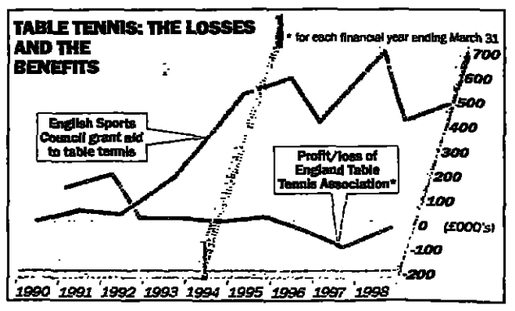
Strictly speaking, this is true. However, what he did not say and only a few older people in the sport remember was that Ransome played for the England team on one occasion and in unusual circumstances. That was at the Commonwealth championships in 1971 and only occurred because he was drafted into the team since he happened to be in Singapore at the time of the event. When the team had been chosen the previous month, he was not ranked in the top 12 in the country. Since he became chairman of the ETTA, he has devoted himself to the sport and is also the secretary of the British Olympic Table Tennis Committee.

**RANSOME'S LIFE**

- Chairman of the English Table Tennis Association
- Director of seven companies, including Butterfly Table Tennis (UK) and Alan Ransome Sporting Goods Group
- Member, National Olympic Committee
- Appointed OBE, 1997

As a businessman, Ransome is the director of seven companies, including Butterfly Table Tennis (UK) Ltd and Alan Ransome Sporting Goods Group Ltd, whose latest pre-tax profits for the year to June 30, 1997 were £101,000 on a turnover of £2.47 million.

In both business and table tennis administration, Ransome has a reputation for being a focused workaholic, often using at least two mobile phones simultaneously to make calls. However, one leading British sports official outside table tennis said: "His powers of delegation are limited and he seems to have to be involved in every decision. In a governing body which employs professional staff, this stifles development and creates tensions."




Ransome, 52, is married to Jose, a former chief executive of the Canadian Table Tennis Association, who is an excellent public relations officer for her husband, taking boxes of chocolates on his behalf to workers at the 1997 world championships. That year he was appointed OBE for services to table tennis.

The Ransomes live modestly in a detached house in a salubrious part of Middlesbrough. He has two main indulgences — large cars and a formidable appetite for fish and chips.

# Wasps put a dampener on Scottish reputation

London Scottish.....9
Wasps.....17

BY ALISON KERVIN

LONDON Scottish's hopes of developing a reputation as giant-killers dissolved quickly in the rain and drizzle at the Stoop Memorial Ground on Saturday. Victory over Bath earlier in the season had marked them out as a team capable of causing upsets and pandemonium among the game's elite sides. Wasps refused to fall into that category.

The match began in traditional December style — two teams struggling through a defensive battle in the pouring rain, attempting to gain ground and make something of limited possession. Wasps enjoyed all the early pressure but, with lots of "stick it up your jumper" rugby with which to compete and some splendid tackling from the Scots, they never capitalised.

The London Scottish score crept along slowly as Wasps were forced into errors. Jannie de Beer put them 6-0 ahead before Kenny Logan kicked Wasps' first points.

In the 74th minute, Wasps won an attacking scrum and, at the third attempt, Scottish's Guy Easterby kicked the ball out and Wasps were awarded a penalty try that was easily converted by Logan. From the restart, Logan was on the attack. From his own 22, he ploughed through the exhausted Scottish defence, batting off tacklers, and fed Josh Lewsey for Wasps' second try.

The game had turned completely in the second half. Without the tightness that had defined the early part of the game, and allowed London Scottish to direct the match, Wasps were allowed to put a foot in the door.

SCORERS: London Scottish: Penalty goals: J de Beer 3 (27min, 39, 59) Wasps: Tries: penalty try (74) Lewsey (77) Conversions: Logan 2 (75, 78). Penalty goals: Logan (40)
SCORING SEQUENCE: (London Scottish first): 3-0, 6-0, 6-3 (half-time) 9-3, 9-8, 9-10, 9-15, 9-17
LONDON SCOTTISH: I McAusland; K Milligan, J Bonney, R Eriksson, C Sharman (rep, S Forrest, 30min); J de Beer, G Easterby; P Johnstone, D Rudham, P Burnell, E Jones, M Watson (rep M McAlarney, 60), S Fenn, R Hunter (rep G Manson-Bishop, 52-59, 75), S Holmes
WASPS: J Lewsey; S Rosser, N Greenstock, R Henderson (rep L Scrase, 66), K Logan, A King, M Friday (sin-bin, 48-58, rep E Rollitt, 60), A Black, T Lacka (rep D Mercer, 78), W Green, M Weadon, S Shaw (rep, A Reed, 66), J Worsley (rep; A Gomarsall, 49), L Dallaglio, P Volley
Referee: C Reeks (Bath)

RUGBY UNION: DIPROSE REPLACED AS CHANGE OF CAPTAINCY PRELUDES FITFUL PREMIERSHIP VICTORY

# Saracens follow Pienaar's lead

Saracens.....40
London Irish.....26

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THIS has been an odd week for Saracens. Having regrouped after the internationals, they have taken the captaincy away from Tony Diprose after 30 months in that role and then offered a fitful performance at Vicarage Road yesterday, as though uncertain precisely what the future may hold.

Their victory kept them in fourth place in the Allied Dunbar Premiership, still challenging the leaders, but they are not the irresistible force that they sometimes appeared a year ago. The loss of Alain Penaud, with a back injury, in the first half contributed to the wayward display, Gavin Johnson filling the gap at fly half but also contributing a decisive total of 20 points on an afternoon of immaculate goal-kicking.

Diprose was candid in expressing his disappointment at the decision taken by Francois Pienaar, the player-coach, who is now also the captain. "It's done now. I have to concentrate on my own game and play my best for Saracens," Diprose said. "We have to get back on track and my best rugby will help that and will also help me get back for England."

The decision was taken to clarify the lines of communication as personnel at Saracens continues to ebb and flow. "It was a matter of getting everyone on the same page," Pienaar said, though it is hard to avoid the belief that he sees the need for a more abrasive edge if Saracens are to make a definitive challenge for the title that slipped away from them last April. Pienaar led by example against London Irish. He scored two of his side's four tries and made many of the hard yards to ensure that most of the game was played in Irish territory.



Penaud attempts to elude Venter, left, and Burrows, of London Irish, before the fly half hurt his back

The fractured nature of the game was emphasised with the loss of Richard Hill with a recurrence of the dislocated thumb he suffered playing for England against South Africa a week earlier.

He was followed to the changing-room by Ryan Constable, who had already made his mark on the game with a dangerous break and chip to the Irish line, but it left Saracens requiring substantial rearrangement and in need of all the comfort that Johnson's kicking could bring them.

Saracens may have believed that, at 30-16 midway through the second half, they had the game under control. They opened with a try by Free from a close-range scrum, an early illustration of the power they found in the set-pieces, where David Flatman, the 18-year-old former Dulwich College prop, made an auspicious debut which concluded with a try a minute from time.

Pienaar took advantage of an inside pass from Free to score his side's second try, but the Irish were encouraged by a delightful try deep into first-half injury time. Cunningham came off his wing to make the extra man in midfield and gave Boer the score at the posts. Pienaar was mauled over by his forwards to sustain Saracens' advantage, but Cunningham kept the Irish in touch with his kicking and when Kirke scored from a tapped penalty, the possibility of a surprise loomed large.

It is a measure of Saracens' character that they took the game by the scruff of the neck in the closing stages. There was no fashionable kicking to the corner: Johnson's accuracy was enough and when Flatman finished a driving maul by crossing the line, the tall South African completed a display that keeps Saracens on the coat tails of Leicester, Northampton and Wasps, happy in the knowledge that there is far better to come.

SCORERS: Saracens: Tries: Free (4min), Pienaar 2 (38, 51), Flatman (79). Conversions: Johnson 4. Penalty goals: Johnson 4 (24, 47, 58, 75). London Irish: Tries: Boer (40), Kirke (62) Conversions: Cunningham 2. Penalty goals: Cunningham 4 (10, 22, 57, 68).
SCORING SEQUENCE: (Saracens first): 7-0, 7-3, 7-6, 10-6, 17-6, 17-13 (half-time), 20-13, 27-13, 27-16, 30-16, 30-23, 30-26, 33-26, 40-26.
SARACENS: G Johnson; B Daniel, R Constable (rep; K Sorrell, 60), S Ravenscroft, R Wallace; A Penaud (rep M Singer, 36), B Free (rep; M Olsen, 72); D Flatman, G Chuter (rep; G Botterman, 54), P Wallace, P Johns, D Grewcock, F Pienaar, R Hill (rep; P Ogilvie, 40); A Diprose.
LONDON IRISH: C O'Shea; J Bishop (rep: R Todd, 62), N Borrows, B Venter (rep: M Jones, 60), J Cunningham; S Bachop, K Putt; N Hadley (rep: M Worsley, 75), R Kirke, R Hardwick (rep: K Fullman, 62), R Strudwick, M O'Kelly, J Boer, K Dawson, I Fauanuti (rep: R Gallacher, 72).
Referee: G Warren (Bristol).

# Bath made to pay for tactics of Guscott

Bath.....9
Northampton.....15

BY MARK SOUSTER

DEFENCE is rugby's latest mantra. Last year it was the foundation of the success of the British Isles in South Africa, likewise last week in England's defeat of the self-same Springboks; and on Saturday it was the reason for Northampton winning for the first time at the Recreation Ground for 23 years. Their eighth victory in nine matches keeps them breathing down the neck of Leicester at the top of the Allied Dunbar Premiership, and with realistic championship ambitions.

In eighty minutes of combative wet-weather rugby, Bath were restricted to one genuine try-scoring opportunity, a chance that was squandered by Ieuan Evans's inability to control the ball in the act of diving over the line. Generally, it was Northampton's ability to thwart and absorb enormous pressure for most of the third quarter that swung the game, at a time when Bath were trailing only 10-6. That they emerged from this period without an extra point was due largely to the unfathomable, yet increasingly fashionable, decision to reject straightforward goal-kicking opportunities.

In a tight game, three or six points would have been invaluable, yet twice Bath went for the attacking line-out. On each occasion, Northampton kept them at bay and ultimately managed to turn over possession, from which they broke out and scored their crucial second try when Pountney pounced on a loose ball at a lineout.

Those decisions were taken by Jerry Guscott, who had replaced Richard Webster as captain after 12 minutes. Webster had departed with a suspected fractured eye-socket after being punched at a ruck. Andy Robinson, the Bath coach, will study the video evidence before deciding whether to take the matter further.

What was equally difficult to comprehend was the fact that one side was not ordered by Ed Morrison, the referee, to change their strip before the start. Both wore predominantly black and within minutes players were virtually indistinguishable. Morrison ordered Bath to don clean shirts early in the second half as visibility deteriorated under the inadequate floodlights.

This was Bath's fourth successive league defeat and the only positive aspects they could draw were a rollicking performance in the loose by Victor Ubogu and the welcome return, after a lengthy injury, of Dan Lyle. They need a genuine No 7, in the Robinson mould.

Mendez, who left Bath under a cloud last season, is adamant that the fault for the club's ills lies with Robinson, who he accuses of outdated coaching methods and poor man-management. Mendez said his experience at Bath "nearly ruined my career," and only Ian McGeechan's persuasive tongue had stopped him returning to Argentina for good.

Revenge in a way was sweet, but more bittersweet as he still has many friends at a club, which he says, has lost its spirit and direction. For Northampton, there are no such problems.

SCORERS: Bath: Penalty goals: Catt (3), (12 min, 19, 62). Northampton: Tries: Dawson (5), Pountney (66). Conversion: Grayson. Penalty goal: Grayson (22).
SCORING SEQUENCE: (Bath first): 0-7, 3-7, 8-7, 8-10, (half-time), 8-10, 9-15
BATH: I Balshaw, I Evans; K Maggs, J Guscott, A Adebayo, M Catt, S Hatley (rep; A Nicol 40), D Hilton (sin-bin 31-41), M Regan (rep: A Long 40), V Ubogu, N Redman, B Stimpson, R Earnshaw, R Webster (rep, E Peters 12-20, 21), D Lyle
NORTHAMPTON: N Beal, C Moir, A Blyth, M Allen, J Stanghrolme, P Grayson, M Dawson, G Pagel, F Mendez, M Stewart, B Metcalfe, T Rodber, G Seely, B Pountney, P Lam.
Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).

# Worcester take advantage of Knox's early exit

Worcester.....20
Bristol.....9

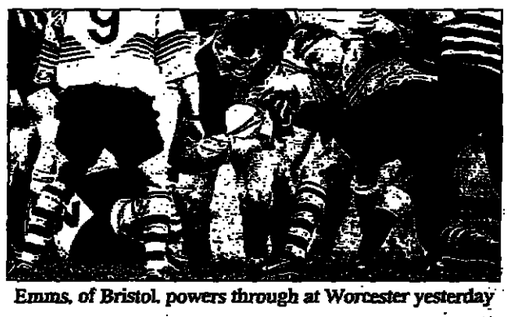
BY MARK SOUSTER

A MATCH between the top two sides in the Allied Dunbar second division promised much but ultimately failed to deliver because of the dismissal of David Knox, Bristol's fly half. The Australian was sent off after 18 minutes for dissent after being tackled late by Bruce Fenley, the Worcester captain. With the departure of their key playmaker went any realistic chance Bristol had of extending their lead over their nearest rivals, who are now level on points.

Knox had cleared his lines when the incident occurred: he and Fenley exchanged punches in a scuffle on the ground before Graham Hughes, the referee, intervened. He was about to issue a white card but, according to Bob Dwyer, the Bristol director of rugby, Knox kept arguing back, and refused to accept the decision, resulting in a red card. Knox, 35, claimed he was only asking for an explanation, but should have known better. His lack of self-discipline is likely to cost him a minimum 30-day suspension and damage his club's promotion hopes.

Dwyer alleged that Worcester had deliberately set out to target Knox, a charge denied by Les Cusworth, his counterpart. Dwyer said: "It was clear that it was premeditated. The intention was to intimidate Knox and it worked. His departure changed the game."

Despite being reduced to 14 men, Bristol were always in contention despite being under immense pressure in the scrums where in the second half they conceded four put-ins against the head. Defensively, Bristol could not be faulted, with Bennett and Gabey performing heroics. It was more a case of damage limitation, as whenever Bristol managed to turnover Worcester possession, they almost inevitably lost it at the ensuing scrum.



Emms, of Bristol, powers through at Worcester yesterday

Before Knox's departure they had opportunities to reduce the early 6-0 advantage that Worcester had established via two John Liley penalty goals. The Australian's delicate chip kick was gathered by George Leaupepe on his ten-metre line with a two-on-one overlap beckoning. However, Adam Larkin, who would have had a clear run in from the half-way line, dropped the pass. Then, after 25 minutes, Bristol had what seemed to be a well-crafted try by Gareth Barber disallowed. The referee signalled that Tamati's pass to him had been forward.

Worcester created few chances and relied on the kicking of Liley, who converted five penalty goals, to keep ahead. Baxter and Liley got into a muddle when they stretched Bristol wide in the first half and late in the second Jenner knocked on as he attempted to touch down for a pushover try. In the 79th minute Bristol's defence was finally breached by Jenner, who drove over from close range. That snuffed out Bristol's faint hopes of victory that three penalty goals from Paul Hull had given them.

SCORERS: WORCESTER: Try: Jenner (79). Penalty goals: Liley 5 (3 min, 8, 19, 58, 65).
BRISTOL: Penalty goals: Hull 3 (33, 44, 54).
SCORING SEQUENCE: (Worcester first): 3-0, 6-0, 9-0, 9-3 (half-time), 9-6, 9-9, 12-9, 15-9, 20-9
WORCESTER: J Liley; S Morris, D Hughes, A McLaughlin, N Baxter; R le Bas, B Fenley; M Linnett, D Ball, P Mitchell (rep: S Turner, 71), C Raymond, S Lloyd, R Hilton-Jones, N Richardson, J Jenner.
BRISTOL: P Hull, M Mason, G Leaupepe, C Hassler, A Larkin, D Knox, G Barber; S Emms, D Tamati (rep: T Tapsell, 54), J Wring (rep D Hinkins, 54), C Eagle, G Gliss, C Evans (rep; S Martin 20), M Bennett (rep J Brownrigg, 74), M Gabey (rep: C Short 74).
Referee: G Hughes (Manchester).

## SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

I was the beneficiary of some poor declarer play on this recent hand from the TGR £50 game.

**Dealer South** — **Game all** — **Rubber bridge**

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| ♠ K J 10 9<br>♡ 9 7 3<br>◇ Q 9 3<br>♣ K J 4 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠ 6 5 2<br>♡ J 10 8<br>◇ 8 7 6 5 2<br>♣ 7 6 |
| | ♠ A 8 4<br>♡ A K 5<br>◇ J 4<br>♣ A 9 8 3 2 | |

Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: seven of hearts.

South opened One No-Trump (15-17) and North raised to Three No-Trumps. Rather against my normal practice I led a passive seven of hearts.

Declarer won in dummy with the queen of hearts and led the queen of clubs, running it to my king. Now I could see our only chance was in spades, and switched to the jack. Declarer ducked, and ducked again when I continued with the ten, so I was able to clear the spades. Declarer crossed to the king of diamonds and took a second club finesse, so I won and cashed the nine of spades for the setting trick.

What did declarer do wrong? It was inept not to put on the queen of spades on the first or second round of the suit. Players sometimes duck hoping the king is doubleton or singleton over the queen. Also if East has Kxx, winning the second round of the suit would have blocked it. But none of those consideration applied here – as my opening heart lead was clearly from a weak holding I could hardly have had J109x(xx) of spades.

But do you see the main error? Within the club suit declarer took the best percentage line. However, had he counted his tricks, he would have seen he needed only three in clubs even if the hearts didn't break. Thus the safety play is to win the first heart in hand to lead towards the queen of clubs. It doesn't matter if he misguesses (not possible here of course). If East wins the first round of clubs he cannot attack spades profitably, whoever has the king.

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## KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

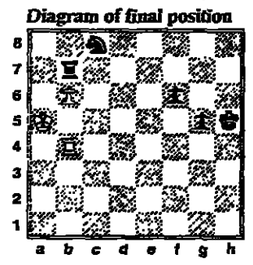
### Kasparov coming

Garry Kasparov is due in London on Wednesday and Thursday (December 16 and 17). This week I shall be covering his 24-game blitz match (five minutes a player a game) against his dangerous young rival Vladimir Kramnik. This was held in Moscow and resulted in a 12-12 draw. Here is the first decisive game.

White: Vladimir Kramnik
Black: Garry Kasparov
Blitz Match, Moscow 1998
Nimzo-Indian Defence

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| 2 c4 | e6 | 33 Qd6 | Rd8 |
| 3 Nc3 | Bb4 | 34 Qa6 | Rd5 |
| 4 Qc2 | d5 | 35 Re3 | Kh7 |
| 5 a3 | Bxc3+ | 36 g4 | Rd2 |
| 6 Qxc3 | dxc4 | 37 Rc3 | Nc5 |
| 7 Qxc4 | b6 | 38 Qxb5 | Rb7 |
| 8 Nf3 | Ba6 | 39 Qxb7 | Nxb7 |
| 9 Qc2 | Nbd7 | 40 Rxc4 | Rd7 |
| 10 Bg5 | 0-0 | 41 f4 | h5 |
| 11 e4 | Bxf1 | 42 gxh5 | Kh6 |
| 12 Rxf1 | h6 | 43 Ra4 | Nd6 |
| 13 Bxf6 | Nxf6 | 44 Ra5 | Ne4 |
| 14 0-0-0 | Rc8 | 45 Re5 | Nf6 |
| 15 Kb1 | Qe7 | 46 b4 | Nxh5 |
| 16 Rfe1 | Rfd8 | 47 f5 | f6 |
| 17 Ne5 | c5 | 48 Rc5 | Ng3 |
| 18 d5 | exd5 | 49 b5 | Kh5 |
| 19 exd5 | Qc7 | 50 a4 | Kxh4 |
| 20 Nc6 | Rd7 | 51 a5 | Kg4 |
| 21 Ne7+ | Rxe7 | 52 Kb3 | Nxf5 |
| 22 d6 | Qxd6 | 53 Kb4 | g5 |
| 23 Rxd6 | Rxe1+ | 54 b6 | axb6 |
| 24 Rd1 | Re7 | 55 axb6 | Ne7 |
| 25 f3 | Rxe8 | 56 Rb5 | Rb7 |
| 26 Rd2 | Nd7 | 57 Ka5 | Nc8 |
| 27 Ka2 | Nf8 | 58 Rb4+ Kh5 | White resigns |
| 28 Qa4 | Rc8 | | |
| 29 h4 | c4 | | |
| 30 Rc2 | Rec7 | | |
| 31 Rc3 | Ne6 | | |

Diagram of final position



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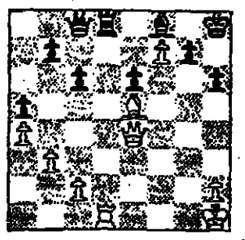
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| 2 Kasparov | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 12 |

In the above table, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss.

## WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



White to play. This position is from the game Nimzowitsch — Rubinstein, Berlin 1928.

White has a strong initiative on the kingside but is temporarily hampered by the threat against his rook on d1. What is the best way to deal with this?

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# Referee blows time on the challenge of Newcastle

Leicester.....31
Newcastle.....18

BY GERALD DAVIES

IN A sport of irritating flaws and many complexities, the idiosyncratic interpretation of the laws by referees and the wide-ranging possibilities for contradiction is probably the most numbingly frustrating. One could not but sympathise with Steve Bates, the assistant coach of Newcastle, on Saturday. While he did not want to criticise the referee, he did comment on the way that a referee can determine the outcome of a match. The events on Saturday were an example.

The penalty count went against Newcastle, but the significant decision came in the 63rd minute when the home team was awarded a penalty on the visitors' 22-metre line. It came two minutes after Newcastle had taken the lead for the first time and had been reduced to 14 players after Arnold had been sin-binned.

There appeared to be some doubt about the visitors' score. Rob Andrew had charged down Howard's attempted kick out of defence. The Newcastle captain chased the ball and touched it down so close to the dead-ball line that the crowd in the stand at that end of the ground questioned its legitimacy. Lander, however, awarded the try.

After the restart, a scrum was called almost directly in front of the Newcastle posts. At this scrum, Leicester squeezed. Newcastle resisted. The scrum, becoming rather out of shape, swivelled to the point, according to the laws, when a referee could well have asked for it to reform. At this point, a Newcastle flanker released himself from the scrum and was promptly penalised. Murphy had no problem with his kick, the home team recovered the lead and never looked back.

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The match was a gruelling encounter that would have appealed to the partisan supporter, with memories of Newcastle's victory last season in mind, but, with so many passages of mere toughness, it would hardly have enthralled many more spectators.

Leicester's scores underlined the nature of the match. The two tries in the first half came from that well-tested and successful formula of a penalty kick to touch close to the corner, the throw-in, the catch, and the prolonged heave to the line. For the first of these, in the seventh minute, most of the home team's three-quarters joined in as well. The other was scored in injury time at the end of the half. To huge cheers, both tries were awarded to Neil Back, who has taken over the mantle of popularity at Welford Road once worn by Dean Richards.

The other points came from penalties, shared between Murphy and Stimpson, who replaced Howard, who had not had the smoothest of matches at fly half. Stuart's try, in the fourth minute of injury time at the end of the game, came when the visitors' heads were visibly drooping with disappointment and already thinking of their journey home.

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: Back 2 (7min, 40), Stuart (84). Conversions: Murphy 2. Penalty goals: Murphy 2, (21, 62), T Simpson 2 (38, 43)
Newcastle: Tries: Legg (24), Andrew (60) Conversion: Wilkinson. Penalty goals: Wilkinson 2 (16, 42)
SCORING SEQUENCE: (Leicester first): 7-0, 7-3, 10-3, 10-8, 17-8 (half-time) 17-11, 17-18, 20-18, 23-18, 26-18, 31-18.
LEICESTER: G Murphy; D Lougheed, S Potter, J Stuart, L Lloyd; P Howard (rep: T Simpson (84mins); A Healey, D Jelley (rep G Rowntree, 61), R Cockerill (rep, D West, 61), D Garforth, M Johnson, F Van Heerden, P Gustard, N Back, M Corry
NEWCASTLE: S Legg; J Wyles, M Shaw, J Wilkinson, V Tuigamala, R Andrew, G Armstrong, G Graham, R Needle, M Hume, G Archer, D Weir, P Walton, R Arnold (sin-bin 54-84), R Beattie
Referee: S Lander (IRFU).

# Hanley helps super Sale to cash in

Sale.....26
Gloucester.....10

BY MARK BALDWIN

A LARGE group of Gloucester supporters turned up at Heywood Road on Saturday in Santa Claus garb, but they may now find Christmas spirit hard to generate after seeing their side totally out-thought by Sale's sackful of ideas. Shane Howarth was the orchestrator, Steve Hanley, 19, announced himself as a wing of exciting potential and the Sale pack dominated in every department.

"Our defence was awesome, although I was annoyed that we gave away a soft try right at the end," John Mitchell, the Sale coach, said. "And the interplay between forwards and backs for a couple of our tries was what 15-man rugby is all about."

How Phil Greening's new team started this game six points behind his former one is hard to explain. Howarth, a revelation at stand-off, was at the heart of a performance of such all-round quality that Sale must start to rise rapidly through the Allied Dunbar Premiership ranks.

Greening, deemed surplus to requirements at his native Kingsholm, drew what turned out to be the only big cheer of the afternoon from the Gloucester contingent when he trotted over to the bench before the start. Given just the second half because of a lack of overall match fitness, Greening nevertheless enjoyed himself hugely with several maniacal runs and a minor scuffle with his old team-mates.

His desire to do well for his new club is so strong that he is ignoring an England request for an operation on a troublesome left ankle. "England want me to have the operation ahead of the Five Nations," Greening said, "but I have only just arrived at Sale and I want to carry on playing. The joint needs clearing out, but hopefully that can be done at the end of the season."

Simon Mannix, who left Sale for Gloucester in the summer, had a miserable day. He was outshone by Howarth and also fluffed a kickable penalty and dropped-goal attempt in the first half.

Barrie-Jon Mather was an effective replacement at outside centre for Steve Davidson, injured early on, and played a big part in the try of the match by Jim Mallinder. Another slick handling move produced Hanley's first score, and the England Under-21 wing then caught Gloucester off guard by tapping a 62nd-minute penalty to himself and slicing through to the posts from 25 yards out.

SCORERS: Sale: Tries: Howarth (21min), Mallinder (49), Hanley 2 (80, 82). Cons: Howarth 3. Gloucester: Try: Saint-Andre (79). Con: Mannix. Pens: Mannix (40), Scoring sequence: (Sale first) 7-0, 7-3 (half-time), 12-3, 19-3, 26-3, 26-10.
SALE: J Mallinder; M Moore, S Davidson (rep: B-J Mather 22min), C Yates, S Hanley; S Howarth, R Smith (K Ellis, 72), P Winstanley (rep: D Williamson, 71), S Diamond (rep: P Greening, 40), D Bell, S Reynolds, D Baldwin (rep: C Murphy, 70), P Anglesea; P Sanderson (rep: A Sanderson, 71), D O'Gunneguin.
GLOUCESTER: A Lumsden; B Johnson, T Fanolua, R Tombs, P Saint-Andre, S Mannix, I Sanders; T Windo (rep: T Woodman, 57), C Forley, A Deacon, R Ridler, M Cornwell, E Peters, N Carter (rep: K Jones, 57), S Osmon.
Referee: S Piercey (Lincolnshire).

## WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HADADA
a. A bird
b. A terrorist organisation
c. Unleavened bread

MOTOSCAFO
a. A boat
b. Italian cafe au lait
c. A mosquito

KANGRI
a. A grass hut
b. A Siberian language
c. A body-warmer

MODISTAE
a. Voluminous dresses
b. An order of nuns
c. Grammarians

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# Brewer has cocktail for success at West

Bedford .....10
West Hartlepool.....23

BY ALAN PEAREY

WEST Hartlepool may be the poor relations of the Allied Dunbar Premiership, but they were made to feel like a million dollars on Saturday after their first league win of the campaign. If Mike Brewer, their captain, was less than ecstatic about closing the gap on Bedford to two points, it was because he has a different survival strategy in mind.

"Only one club goes down automatically, so if someone folds, the rest are safe." Brewer, who has slashed £400,000 from West's budget by putting nine players on pay-per-play contracts and cutting the remaining players' wages by 10 per cent, said. "We don't have to rely on any consortium to keep players. The restructuring we've done means we'll be battling right through to May."

This was West's first league success since they beat Bedford last season and ended a run of 22 straight defeats in the top flight. It was achieved despite the sin-binning of Shane McDonald, their hooker, and the loss of Toetu Nu'Ualiitia, their scrum half, after he had clashed heads with Duane Monkley, one of three European-qualified New Zealanders making his debut for West, in the 28th minute.

The incident unsettled West, who, deservedly leading 13-0, settled for containment. Though a try by Joe Ewens reduced the deficit to three points with 12 minutes left, Bedford were caught out by a rare West break and Brewer capped an authoritative display by touching down from a lineout drive.

Defeat was a wretched start for Rudi Straeuli, the new Bedford coach, who is threatening to come out of retirement to offer some on-field guidance. "We have the character to come out of this," he said, "but I've got to strengthen the side, by bringing in new players or by using others in a different way."

SCORERS: Bedford: Tries: Howard (40 mins), Ewens (68).
West Hartlepool: Tries: Farrell (24), Brewer (72). Cons: Vile (2). Pens: Vile (3) (5, 14, 79).
SCORING SEQUENCE: Bedford first: 0-3, 0-6, 0-13, 5-13, (half-time) 10-13, 10-20, 10-23.
BEDFORD: S Howard (rep. R Underwood, 73min), B Whetstone, J Ewens, A Murdoch, D O'Mahony, T Yapp, C Harrison; A Gadenin (rep: C Cano, 50), J Richards, V Hartland, J Beardshaw, R Ward, R Winters (rep: J Cockle, 40) J Forster, J Parramore.
WEST HARTLEPOOL: E Farrell, T Lough, M Mullins, J Connolly (rep. P Tanginoa, 17), S John, S Vile, T Nu'Ualiitia (rep: R Stone, 34); S Sparks, S McDonald (sin-bin, 54-64), P Beal, P Palmer, M Glachen, J Ponton, D Monkley, M Brewer.
Referee: C White (Gloucester).

**EUROPEAN CUP:** ULSTER FACE A STERN TEST AGAINST RAMPANT STADE FRANCAIS



Richard Pool-Jones, the Stade Français flanker, who still has England aspirations, eludes a desperate Pontypridd challenge in his side's 71-14 win

# French dominance is clear

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FOREWARNED is forearmed. Not only did Stade Français carelessly toss away victory at home to Biarritz a week earlier, they had heard the Friday-night news from Belfast and were utterly determined not to follow Toulouse out of the European Cup. Instead, the dynamic French champions stampeded all over Welsh ambitions at the Jean Bouin Stadium on Saturday and into the semi-finals of a tournament for which, for all Ulster's heroics, they are firm favourites.

They will, though, have to demonstrate that the hard way. The draw, yesterday, takes the Stade to Ravenhill on the weekend of January 9-10 — the venue where Ulster passion triumphed on a murky evening over Toulouse, then the inaugural European champions. Colomiers' reward for defeating Munster is a home game with Perpignan, victors on Saturday against Llanelli.

The damage done, meanwhile, to the Pontypridd psyche by the 71-14 rout has yet to be determined. Nothing like this has happened to the Welsh club since they visited Northern Transvaal some four years ago, but this season, it has been an accident waiting to happen. Nor could it come at a worse time: if the quartet of super-clubs mooted by the Welsh Rugby Union becomes reality, Pontypridd's prowess over the past four years may be set against Newport's geographical and traditional standing.

**DRAW**

**Ulster**
**v**
**Stade Francais**

**Colomiers**
**v**
**Perpignan**

What Pontypridd have achieved in recent seasons deserves recognition, but their players must have the mental fortitude to bounce back from their Parisian experience. That few other northern-hemisphere clubs would have matched the Stade on this form is neither here nor there — the records will not show that Pontypridd carried injuries into this quarter-final, and more going out of it.

"If they were to play Bath, the 1998 Heineken Cup winners, I don't think Bath would hold them," Dennis John, the Pontypridd coach, said, as he contemplated a dressing-room in which Neil Jenkins, his captain, sustained shoulder damage, making him ineffective after half an hour, Jason Lewis a broken nose and Matthew Taylor a broken thumb.

But they could not stop Stade Français's big, angular players breaking the first line. Sylvain Marconnet, one of seven France internationals, was outstanding as a ball-playing prop and Christophe Juillet equally assertive at No 8. Their third try, too, was a reminder for the England management that Richard Pool-Jones is still plying his trade in distinguished company.

Pool-Jones hopes that the European Cup may yet prove a stage on which he can display his wares. "I know what the level is," he said. "I play with so many of the guys who are in the French squad, and I'm so hungry for international rugby. He and his colleagues suffered for their lapse against Biarritz — their fortnight's break over Christmas was withdrawn and three players, including Vincent Moscato, the captain, lost their places against Pontypridd — but they responded to the demands of Bernard Laporte, the coach.

For 30 minutes, Pontypridd stood firm. If they conceded a close-range try to Christophe Laussucq, whose kicking was so influential, they responded with utter brilliance when Dale McIntosh claimed a Stade lineout on his own try-line. Jenkins's wide pass gave Dafydd James room and the centre broke clean through the surprised French backs. Kevin Morgan took up the running and gave Gareth Wyatt the chance to finish a 95-metre try.

Two tries within two minutes destroyed any Pontypridd illusions, the Stade scoring 64 of their points in the final 50 minutes. Although Geraint Lewis, the flanker, struggled over for a second Pontypridd try, it was no more than a token gesture.

"Everyone is losing by the non-participation of the English clubs," Vernon Pugh, the International Rugby Board chairman, who has nurtured the European tournament from its inception, said. Pugh, watching while his country's last two representatives, Pontypridd and Llanelli, left the European scene, hopes that talks tomorrow between the English and French clubs will prove fruitful.

"European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC) and the French clubs have agreed proposals for next season," Pugh, who is contemplating a 20-club tournament with five representatives, each from England and France, said. "The more clubs from England there are, the more say they will have."

# Trophy kicks off with Toulouse strong favourites

BY MICHAEL AYLWIN

THE Christmas holidays may be under way, but students from 21 universities across Europe still have matters to attend to this week, as *The Times* Trophy begins today.

*The Times* Trophy is the renamed tournament held between the leading university rugby clubs in Europe and is now bigger and better than its equivalent last year, *The Times* Student University Rugby championship.

The competition last season was a great success, with sixteen universities competing, and culminated in a titanic final between the University of Wales, Institute of Cardiff (UWIC) and the University of Paul Sabatier, Toulouse.

Toulouse swept all before them in winning the competition, and boasted the talents of Xavier Garbojosa, the wing, who went on to help France to win the Grand Slam. Their forwards, including players that played their weekend rugby with the Toulouse club proper, proved the irresistible force, securing, among other results, a 70-point thrashing of Northumbria, who reached the final of the British Universities Sports Association (BUSA) competition that season.

Toulouse must start as favourites this year and their group, which includes Exeter, is hosted by University College Dublin, who this season have claimed the scalp of University College Cork, semi-final victims of Toulouse last season and who provided twelve players for the Irish student squad that beat their English equivalents by 50 points. They are hosted by Bristol University, along with Barcelona, an unknown quantity.

If the above teams were terrorised by Toulouse last year, Grenoble, newcomers to the competition, are said to be even better as the present French champions. This will concern Newcastle, who are drawn in their group.

The quality of competition is immeasurably enhanced from last season and nowhere is this better illustrated, perhaps, than in the groups in Loughborough and Swansea, the present BUSA champions.

Every member of the Loughborough squad is affiliated to a club in the first or second division of the Allied Dunbar Premiership. Swansea, meanwhile, will host arguably the tightest group, including Trinity College, Dublin, and Brunel, the present English champions, who include players from Saracens and Richmond in their squad.

**WHEN AND WHERE THEY PLAY IN THE TIMES TROPHY**

The seven group winners and the best runner-up (decided on points difference in the match against the group winners) qualify for the quarter-finals. Group matches will be played this week with the quarter-finals on January 6, semi-finals on January 13 and the final on January 30

(at Clifton RFC and Coombe Dingle, Bristol): Today: Bristol v Cork (7.15). Wednesday: Cork v Barcelona (2.15). Friday: Bristol v Barcelona (2.15).

(at Loughborough University and Syston RFC): Today: Loughborough v UWIC (2.0). Wednesday: UWIC v Dundee (2.0). Friday: Loughborough v Dundee (11.0).

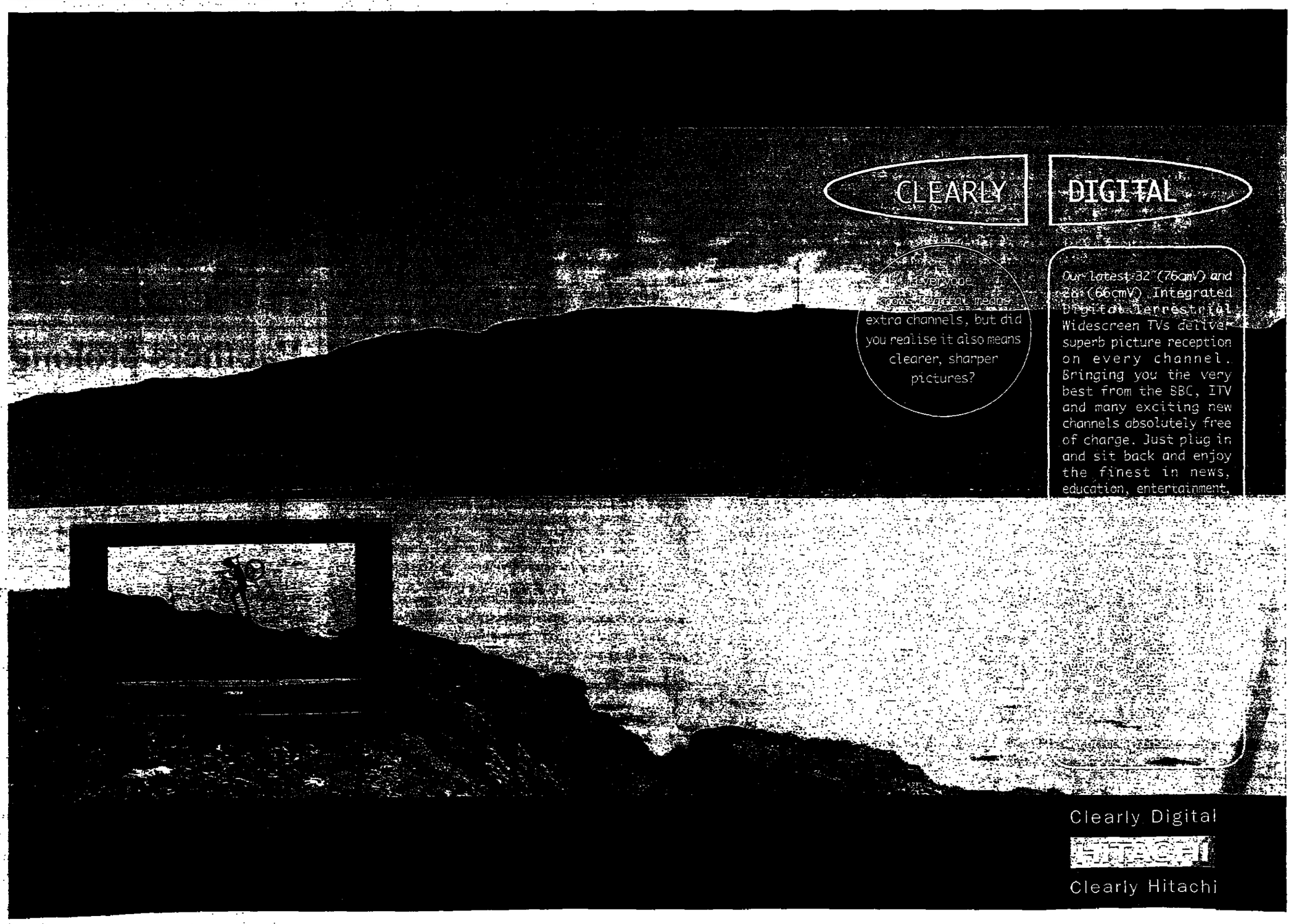
(at Belfield, Dublin): Today: UC Dublin v Exeter (2.30). Wednesday: Exeter v Toulouse (2.30). Friday: UC Dublin v Toulouse (11.0).

(at Glasgow Hawks RFC, Scotston and Garscube): Today: Glasgow v Grenoble (7.30). Wednesday: Grenoble v Newcastle (2.0). Friday: Glasgow v Newcastle (2.0).

(at Swansea RFC and Sketty Lane): Today: Swansea v Trinity College, Dublin. Wednesday: Trinity v Brunel. Friday: Swansea v Brunel.

(Rome): Today: Roma v Harper Adams (2.30). Wednesday: Durham v Harper Adams (2.30). Friday: Roma v Durham (10.0).

(at Bullocksteads, Northumberland): Today: Northumbria v Queens Belfast (2.0). Wednesday: Trinity College, Carmarthen v Belfast (2.0). Friday: Northumbria v Belfast (1.0)



# Selectors impose conditions on Main

STEPHANIE Main has been handed the one available British women's place in the European figure skating championships in Prague next month, but the National Ice Skating Association (NISA) has attached conditions to her selection (Angela Court writes).

Over the next few weeks, Main, the British champion, must perform complete run-throughs of her free programme in practice, including four different triple jumps within the programme, and reach an overall satisfactory level of fitness. She will be monitored weekly.

Main, and Tammy Sear, the national runner-up, were screened at the Centrum Arena in Ayrshire last Thursday when Main, 22, was suffering from influenza. She did not skate her free programme for the selectors, but did land four different triple jumps in front of them.

Kevin Bursey, the NISA national performance director, said: "Stephanie demonstrated outstanding jumps, the like of which haven't been seen from a British woman in recent years. But she must show that she can do them in her programme, because that's what is marked. The conditions are the same for all skaters in the national team."

**SPEED SKATING:** VIOLENT IT WASN'T, BUT THERE WERE THRILLS AND SPILLS AT THE BRITISH SHORT-TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUSTIN HARGRAVE



Lindsay, centre, who has Olympic ambitions, cut a graceful figure at Guildford

# When pride can often come after the fall

BY MEL WEBB

FOR all their claims to the contrary, there is no doubting that for a percentage of those who would call themselves lovers of sport, the thrill is not in the chase but in the fall, not in the pursuit of excellence but in the temporary, but usually decisive, loss of it. If it were not the case, how else would such an otherwise utterly pointless exercise such as stock-car racing, where destruction is all, draw such large crowds?

These are the late 20th century equivalents of those who, in another time and place, could not wait to be fed their weekly dose of Christians against the lions. If these people wanted a proper sport to follow that would still satisfy their bloodlust, they could do worse than try short-track speed skating.

Short track is something of a hybrid soul, looking for a place to call its home. It demands high levels of technical ability, is thrilling to watch and, in its vivid celebration of youthful athleticism, offers high levels of competitive endeavour. And, by the by, it also has some absolutely smashing crashes. In that respect, it compares with another winter sport, downhill skiing. The disadvantage of downhill is that you have to climb halfway up a mountain a long way away to watch people falling over. Over the weekend, to see short track at its best on the domestic stage, it was necessary to travel no further than Guildford.

The splendid Spectrum Centre was the venue for the Eucerin British championships on Friday and Saturday and, to paraphrase the sage, to be bored with the experience was to be bored with life. All this in an arena that measures no more than 65 yards by 35.

Traditionally, the headliners in the sport are male — the trailblazer for the British branch was Wilf O'Reilly, who won Olympic gold, and the glamour figure these days is Nicky Gooch, who claimed his sixth British title but not, as though to prove that even heroes can lose their grip, before coming a spectacular cropper on the last lap of the 1,000 metres final.

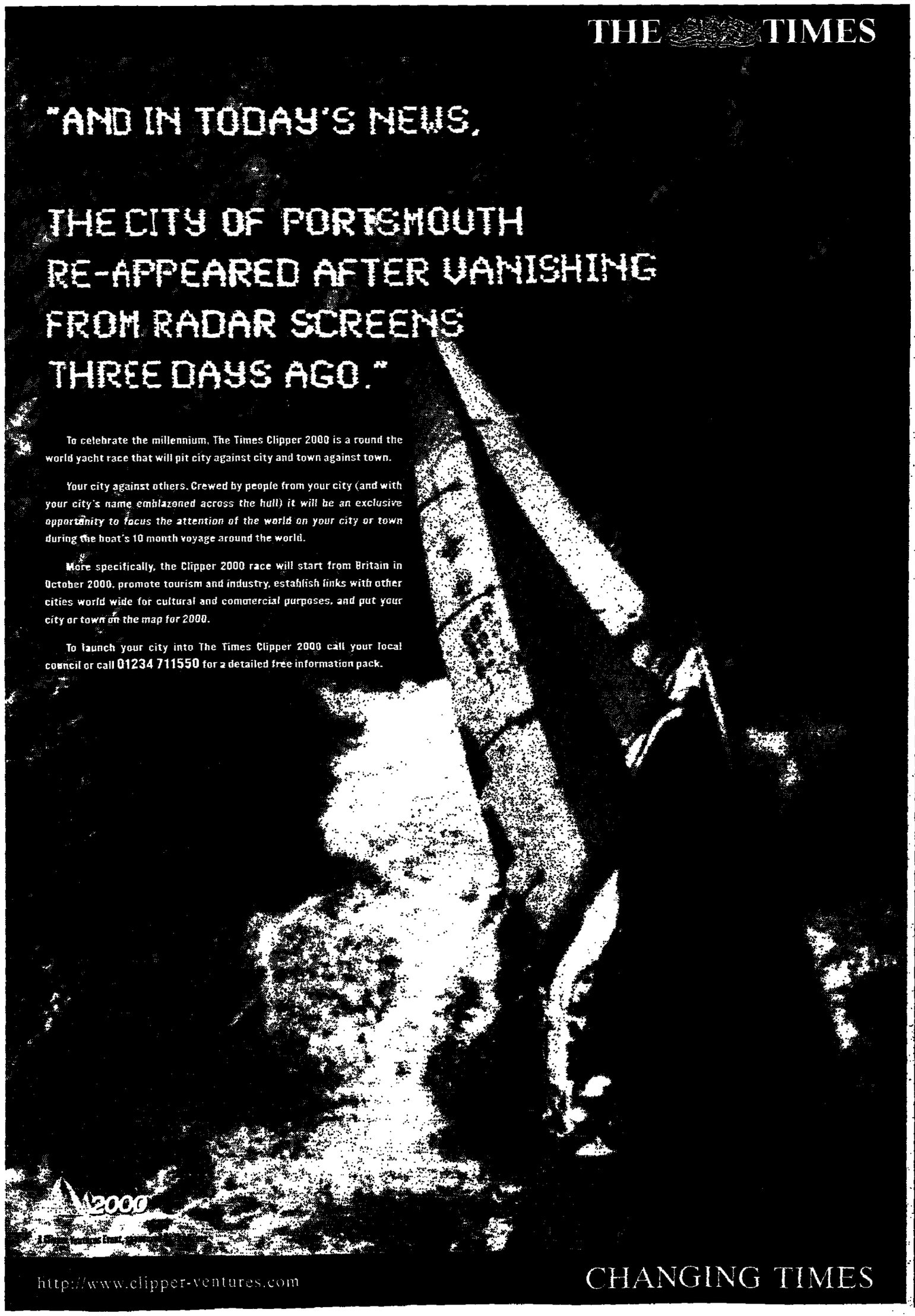
For all that testosterone, in all probability, will continue to rule in short track for a while yet, the girls are quietly making a name for themselves. Debbie Palmer, 25, an engaging, fast-talking university graduate, has dominated the women's disciplines for some time — she won her ninth British title at Guildford — but suddenly she is being faced with competition.

Second to Palmer was Joanna Williams and third Sarah Lindsay, attractive personalities who share, beneath their veneer of teenage enthusiasm, a case-hardened determination to make their mark. What each wants is nothing less than Olympic gold. And if time is not on Palmer's side — she will be 29 before she can take a tilt at the title in Salt Lake City in 2002 — Williams and Lindsay will then be in their prime.

Close friends off the ice and unyielding rivals on it, they insist that the crown of crowns is a legitimate aim. Lindsay is burdened by her governing body's description of her as "a blonde bombshell", but the connotations of endearing daffiness that go with the sobriquet are not for her. She is assuredly extrovert and loquacious and there is no mistaking her desire to make her sporting mark. "I am prepared to work as hard as necessary to achieve my ambition," she said. "And if that means giving up things that some of my friends enjoy, that's OK by me."

Williams, in her last year at school and preparing for her A levels, is quieter, more considered in her opinions but no less resolved to be the best. "I just live for racing," she said, and meant it, too.

The skaters entertained royally on two days that deserved bigger audiences. They had determination, grace and power. In comparison, beaten up and battered Ford Escorts being driven into each other in some dilapidated speedway stadium, look ridiculous.




GOLF

# Thomson plots downfall of lacklustre US

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MELBOURNE

IN THE end it was no contest. The International team won the Presidents Cup at Royal Melbourne by 20½ points to 11½, overwhelming a much-vaunted United States side that lacked inspiration and had lost the match with ten of yesterday's twelve singles still out on the rain-sodden course.

It was a triumph for Peter Thomson, the International team captain, a meticulous planner, whose global mixture of a side — seven nationalities in all — played inspired stuff, holing chips and putts galore.

"It's very emotional," Thomson, who comes from Melbourne, said after watching Nick Price secure the victory by defeating David Duval on the 17th after Craig Parry had seen off Justin Leonard, the former Open champion, by 5 and 3.

"The first two matches were very important and I had a bulldog in good form up front." Thomson, 69, who won the Open on five occasions, said of Parry. "Nick is very strong. You can rely on him and I knew he would give a good account of himself. It was a great honour to be invited to be captain and it is the biggest thing I suppose I've ever done."

Jack Nicklaus, the US captain, who was also in charge of the losing Ryder Cup team in 1987, was gracious in defeat but his singles line-up indicated that he had accepted that the game was up before the last day dawned cool and very wet.

The US had lost every one of the first four series of foursomes and four-balls to trail by 14½-5½ and needed a miracle. Nicklaus, though, with the world's top four players at his disposal, tucked three of them away in the last four matches. Tiger Woods was eleventh and Mark O'Meara, the man of the season, was last.

They ended up playing in an exhibition, a dead rubber, Woods against Greg Norman and O'Meara against Stuart Appleby that provided entertainment for the big galleries and the TV audience, but the outcome mattered not a jot.

Tim Finchem, commissioner of the US Tour, who had to have his arm twisted to move this event away from Washington, commented that it means more to the Internationals to beat the US than vice versa and Nicklaus seemed to agree.

All the verve and competitive "oomph" came from the Internationals, for whom Shigeki Maruyama, a chunky Japanese, who won all five of his games — the only 100 per cent player — was a revelation. It meant something to him and he showed it.

Perhaps it was just too near Christmas for the Americans, far from home at the end of a long season.

ICE HOCKEY

# Panthers prolong misery of Eagles

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

AYR Scottish Eagles completed a miserable 12 days on Saturday, suffering their third defeat in as many competitions. At the beginning of this month, they came within a minute of qualifying for the next stage of the European League, only to concede a late goal to Mannheim. Last weekend, they were narrowly beaten in the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup by Nottingham Panthers and, on Saturday, they travelled to Nottingham, hoping to make amends in their Sekonda Superleague encounter.

The Panthers won 4-0 to stay in contention for the league, while the Eagles find themselves in sixth place, only a point above Sheffield Steelers, the bottom club.

All the goals came in the first period, Jason Weaver scoring his first for the Panthers after only four minutes. A little more than five minutes later, Paul Adey pounced on a rebound while the Panthers were on a power play and Jamie Leach scored twice before the end of the period, his second the result of an errant pass out of defence. Mike Zanier, the Panthers' back-up goaltender, managed to save all 27 shots that came his way to register his first league shut-out.

Jim Lynch, the Eagles coach, must be wondering what he can do to stop the rot. His team has won only once in their past eight league and cup games and the heady days of last season, when they won all four domestic competitions, must seem a lifetime away.

Darcy Loewen, who was handed a three-game suspension after a kneeing infraction in the game in Manchester last Sunday, played for the Panthers, pending an appeal.

Dennis Shasse, of the Bracknell Bees, could also face suspension after being ejected from the Superleague fixture against Manchester Storm on Saturday.

Early in the third period, with Manchester leading 3-1, he clashed with Rick Brebant and was given a match penalty for a kneeing offence. The Storm won 4-1 to stay top of the table, six points ahead of the Devils, having played two games more.

Jeff Jablonski scored the only goal of the first period to give the Storm an early lead and although Paxton Schulte equalised for Bracknell early in the second session, Jablonski restored Manchester's lead within three minutes. Goals by Pierre Allard and Kelly Askew gave Manchester the points and their seventh successive league win.

# FOR THE RECORD

## ASIAN GAMES

Selected results only

ATHLETICS: Men: 10,000m: 1, K Takao (Japan) 28:45.66; 2, A Hashim (Qat) 28:46.55; 3, G Chand (India) 29:10.53. 20km walk: 1, Yu Guohui (China) 1hr 20min 25sec; 2, V Borissov (Kaz) 1:23:52; 3, Li Zewen (China) 1:24.41. Hammer: 1, K Murofushi (Japan) 78.57m; 2, A Abduvaliev (Uzb) 77.14m; 3, N Davydov (Kgz) 68.10m. Women: High jump: 1, Y Ota (Japan) 1.88m; 2, Ling Jin (China) 1.88m, 3, A Chertova (Kaz) 1.84m. Discus: 1, Luan Zhili (China) 63.43m; 2, Liu Fengying (China) 59.34m; 3, N Singh (India) 55.08m.

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS: Individual all-round: 1, Zhou Xiaojing (China) 38.469pts, 2, Yung Myong-Ran (N Kor) 38.177; 3, Wang Weeiso (China) 38.136. Team final: 1, China 94.386; 2, Japan 93.737, 3, South Korea 92.437.

SQUASH: Finals: Men: Zarraq Jahan (Pak) bt Amjad Khan (Pak) 1-9, 9-0, 6-9, 9-7, 9-3. Women: N-A David (Malaysia) bt Chiu Wing-Yin (Hong Kong) 9-3, 9-1, 9-6.

SWIMMING: Finals: Men: 200m individual medley: 1, Xiong Guoming (China) 2min 3.34sec, 2, J Yoshimi (Japan) 2:04.93; 3, Xie Xufeng (China) 2:05.45. 4x100m medley relay: 1, Japan 3:41.98, 2, China 3:44.40; 3, Kazakhstan 3:51.13. 1,500m freestyle: 1, M Hirano (Japan) 15:22.20; 2, T Sethsothorn (Thai) 15:40.17; 3, H Masri (Syria) 15:51.80. Women: 200m butterfly: 1, Cho Hee-Yeon (S Kor) 2:11.34; 2, Ruan Yi (China) 2:12.51; 3, H Kashima (Japan) 2:13.26. 200m backstroke: 1, T Hagiwara (Japan) 2:12.25; 2, M Nakamura (Japan) 2:14.79; 3, Shim Min-Ji (S Kor) 2:16.46. 50m freestyle: 1, Shan Ying (China) 25.88; 2, Han Xue (China) 26.04; 3, S Minamoto (Japan) 26.08.

TABLE-TENNIS: Men: Team final: China bt South Korea 3-1 (China names first: Liu Guoliang lost to Kim Taek Soo 21-14, 14-21, 15-21; Kong Linghui bt Oh Sang-Eun 23-21, 19-21, 21-16; Wang Liqin bt Lee Chul-Seung 21-14, 15-21, 21-8; Kong Linghui bt Kim Taek Soo 21-17, 21-18).

WEIGHTLIFTING: Men: 94kg: 1, A Makarov (Kaz) 385kg (snatch 180kg, clean and jerk 205kg); 2, B Kolah (Iri) 377.5; 3, Chun Young-Sung (S Kor) 372.5. 105kg: 1, Cui Wenhua (China) 410kg (snatch 195kg and clean and jerk 215kg), 2, A Khrapatyy (Kaz) 407.5; 3, Choi Jong-Kum (S Kor) 405. Women: 75kg: 1, Wei Xiangying (China 242.5kg (115kg and 127.5kg); 2, Kim Soon-Hee (S Kor) 230; 3, Aye Mon-Khin (Myanmar) 230. Over 75kg: 1, Ding Meiyuan (China) 270kg (snatch 120kg and clean and jerk 150kg, all three world records), 2, Aye Aye-Aung (Myanmar) 252.5; 3, Chen Hsiao-Lien (Taipei) 242.5.

## ATHLETICS

### Track and field

HORSHAM: Indoor Sprints Meeting: Men (60m): 1, S Bushell (Newham and Essex Beagles) 6.29sec, 2, G Reddington (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 6.5; 3, D McAdam (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 6.6. Women (60m): 1, S Williams (Walton) 6.6; 2, S Male (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 7.0; 3, Z McKinnon (Horsham Blue Star) 7.0.

### Cross country

FERRARA, Italy: European championship: Men (9.7km): 1, S Lebid (Ukr) 28min 7sec, 2, M Mourhit (Bel) 28:08, 3, D El-Himer (Fr) 28:16; 4, G Weidlinger (Austria) 28:17; 5, C Jorgensen (Den) 28:18; 6, E Henriques (Por) 28:25; 10, K Cullen (GB) 28:41. Other British: 18, D Bannister 28:51, 22, C Stephenson 29:01; 41, N Caddy 29:26; 47, G Tromans 29:41; 51, G Stewart 29:46. Teams: 1, Italy 53pts; 2, Portugal 55; 3, Spain 68; 4, Great Britain 91; 5, France 92. Junior (5.8km): 1, Y El Nasari (Sp) 16:50. 2, O Tal (Rom) 16:51; 3, G Turnbull (Irl) 16:55; 4, S Haughian (Gbr) 16:57; 5, I Hegko (Ukr) 17:02; 9, P Ridley (GB) 17:15. Other British: 17, C Thompson 17:27; 40, C Livesey 17:45; 53, D Rowen 17:59. Teams: 1, Spain 28; 2, Great Britain 30; 3, Romania 36. Women (5.8km): 1, P Radcliffe (GB) 18:07; 2, A Sandell (Fin) 18:10; 3, O Jevtic (Yug) 18:11; 4, F Ribeiro (Por) 18:19; 5, H Sampaio (Por) 18:26; 6, Y Belcachem (Fr) 18:42. Other British: 26, A Wyeth 19:15; 28, H Nash 19:20; 37, L Elliott 19:43; 39, H Pattinson 19:46. Team: 1, Portugal 18; 2, France 25; 3, Romania 41; 4, Spain 54; 5, Great Britain 55. Junior (3.6km): 1, K Szentgyorgyi (Hun) 11:51; 2, I Monteiro (Por) 11:58, 3, S Stolic (Yug) 12:03; 4, S Ozyurt (Tur) 12:04; 5, T Surekli (Tur) 12:08. British: 14, K Cafel 12:28; 22, S Thomas 12:39; 24, S Partridge 12:41, 39, C Colmer 12:55; 60, L Kelly 13:23. Teams: 1, Turkey 20; 2, Belgium 46; 3, Romania 49.

PROSPECT PARK, Reading: Berkshire championships: Winners: Men (12km): S Smith (Newbury) 40min 7sec. Team: Reading 76pts. Veteran: P Jenkins (Puma TVH) 43:45. Teams: Reading Roadrunners 37. Women (5km): M Steadman (Reading Roadrunners) 19:56. Team: Reading Roadrunners 23. Junior men (8km): C Bolt (Bracknell) 27:11.

BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire championships: Winners: Men (10.5km): P Tulba (Basingstoke and Mid Hants) 32min 21sec. Team: Basingstoke and Mid Hants 92pts. Veteran: M Flower (Southampton Running Club) 35:05. Women: K Bailey (Havant) 27:49. Team: Winchester 20.

## BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Edinburgh Rocks 73 Chester Jets 72; Leicester Riders 86 London Towers 88, Thames Valley Tigers 93 Greater London Leopards 83.

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| Manchester | 15 | 14 | 1 | 28 |
| Sheffield | 14 | 13 | 1 | 26 |
| Derby | 14 | 10 | 4 | 20 |
| Thames Valley | 14 | 10 | 4 | 20 |
| Birmingham | 14 | 8 | 6 | 16 |
| London Tow | 13 | 8 | 5 | 16 |
| Newcastle | 15 | 7 | 8 | 14 |
| Leopards | 14 | 5 | 9 | 10 |
| Leicester | 15 | 4 | 11 | 8 |
| Chester | 16 | 4 | 12 | 8 |
| Milton Keynes | 13 | 3 | 10 | 6 |
| Worthing | 13 | 3 | 10 | 6 |
| Edinburgh | 12 | 2 | 10 | 4 |

UNIBALL TROPHY: Pool stages: Worthing Bears 84 Sheffield Sharks 120, Derby Storm 100 Manchester Giants 79; Milton Keynes Lions 87-69 Worthing Bears.

## BOWLS

ENGLISH WOMEN'S INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Vivienne Trophy: Third round: Cumbria bt Hartlepool 82-52; Leicester bt Nottingham 78-75, Melton Mowbray bt Gedling 73-63, Lawson Park bt City of Ely 81-79, Bedford Borough bt Northampton 71-70; Norfolk bt Shotford 88-87; Acle bt County Arts 85-60; Beccles bt Towerlands 101-62; Colchester bt Ipswich 81-70; Havering bt The Lawns 113-51, Barking bt Ilford 101-47; Herga bt Desborough (M) 81-77; Herts bt Banbury Cross 89-86; Swindon Westlecot bt Birmingham 81-73, Pardswell bt Malvern Hills 81-69; Crystal Palace bt Sutton 84-83; King George Field bt Old Coulsdon 84-71; Egham bt Camberley 96-62, Whiteknights bt Loddon Vale 109-61; Dartford Stone Lodge bt Sevenoaks 74-66; Whiteoak bt Deangate Ridge 94-61; Eastbourne bt Horsham 91-69; Adur bt Wealden 85-74; Dolphin bt Bournemouth 112-45, Benister Park bt Atherley 94-80; Yate bt North Wilts 75-75. Northavon bt Bristol 93-81, Kingsley bt Plymouth CS 117-90; Teignbridge bt Isca 84-63

## BOXING

NORTHGATE ARENA, Chester: European bantamweight championship: P Lloyd (Ellesmere Port) bt L Manconi (Fr) rsc 12th. Commonwealth flyweight championship: D Kelly (Belfast) bt A Zvenyika (Zim) pts. Other bouts: Heavyweight (4rnds): G Kandelaki (Geo) bt J-M N'gandu (Fr) rsc 1st. Super-middleweight (6rnds): D Baptiste (Belham) bt S Thomas (Flint) rsc 2nd. Light-welterweight (6rnds): G Scott (Swe) bt R Valentino (Hanwell) rsc 6th.

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE LEISURE CENTRE, London: World Boxing Union super-bantamweight championship: C Laverro (US, holder) bt J Armour (Chatham) rsc 4th. Southern-area welterweight title (10rnds): H Dhami (Gravesend) bt K McCarthy (Bletchley) pts. Other bouts: Lightweight (8rnds): C Dunne (Holloway) bt S Puskulla (Fr) rsc 3rd.

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey: International Boxing Federation junior-middleweight championship: F Vargas (US) bt Y Campos (Mex, holder) rsc 7th. Lightweight (10rnds): I Robinson (US) bt A Getti (US) pts.

FRANKFURT: World Boxing Council cruiserweight championship: J C Gomez (Cuba, holder) bt R Gordon (US) ko 2nd. World Boxing Organisation light-heavyweight championship: D Michalczewski (Ger, holder) bt D Thadzi (US) rsc 9th.

## CRICKET

### Test match

**Pakistan v Zimbabwe**

*LAHORE (fourth day of five): Zimbabwe, with all second-innings wickets in hand, trail Pakistan by 94 runs*

ZIMBABWE: First innings 183 (A Flower 60 not out; Saqlain Mushtaq 5 for 32, Waqar Younis 4 for 54)

Second innings

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| J A Rennie not out | 18 |
| G Flower not out | 17 |
| Extras (lb 5, nb 10) | 15 |
| Total (12 overs) | 48 |

M W Goodwin, *A D R Campbell, †A Flower, N C Johnson, C B Wishart, H H Streak, H K Olonga, A Huckle and M Mbangwa to bat.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 6-0-23-0, Shoaib Akhtar 5-1-15-0, Saqlain Mushtaq 1-0-5-0

PAKISTAN: First innings (o/n 211-5)

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| Saeed Anwar c A Flower b Johnson | 75 |
| Mohammad Naveed b Streak | 32 |
| Ejaz Ahmed c Huckle b Johnson | 16 |
| Salim Malik run out | 2 |
| Yousuf Yohanna not out | 120 |
| Hasan Raza c Rennie b Huckle | 3 |
| *†Moin Khan lbw Olonga | 25 |
| Wasim Akram c Johnson b Olonga | 2 |
| Saqlain Mushtaq b Olonga | 0 |
| Shoaib Akhtar b Huckle | 11 |
| Waqar Younis not out | 24 |
| Extras (lb 10, nb 5) | 15 |
| Total (9 wkts dec, 97 overs) | 325 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-121, 3-139, 4-132, 5-147, 6-213, 7-215, 8-215, 9-275.

BOWLING: Streak 33-8-75-1, Olonga 25-9-83-3, Mbangwa 24-4-66-0, Johnson 24-2-71-2, Huckle 7-0-40-2.

Umpires: D Hair (Australia) and M Mohammad Aslam (Pakistan)

WELLINGTON: Tour match: Wellington first innings 317 (RG Twose 99, T Boyer 54, A Kumble 5-56) India first innings 219-7 (R Dravid 50, SC Ganguly 68 not out).

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Hobart (third day of four): Tasmania 180 (D Marsh 58; G Blewett 3 for 24) and 155 (M DiVenuto 60). South Australia 475-9 dec (G Blewett 152, D Fitzgerald 135, J Vaughan 121) South Australia beat Tasmania by an innings and 140 runs. Melbourne (third day of four): Queensland 354-9 dec (G Foley 97, J Maher 62, M Kasprowicz 52 not out): Victoria 205 (M Elliott 67, A Dale 7 for 40) Perth (day two of four) New South Wales 56 (B Julian 4 for 15, s Cary 4 for 9) and 204 Western Australia 276 (R Baker 80, B Julian 69) Western Australia beat New South Wales 56 by an innings and 16 runs

SUPERSPORT SERIES (third day of four) Bloemfontein: Border 121 and 249 (H Bakkes 5 for 57) Free State 236 and 135-8 (N Boje 53, V Drakes 5 for 38). Free State won by two wickets Kimberley: Griqualand West 559-6 dec Gauteng 272-5 (N Pothas 123 not out, Ken Rutherford 50) Durban: Boland 122 and 212 (D Gain 55, Lance Klusener 5 for 48). Natal 437-5 dec (J Kent 59 not out) Natal won by an innings and 103 runs

## GOLF

MELBOURNE: President's Cup: International team 20½ United States 11½ (United States unless stated): Saturday: Foursomes: F Nobilo (NZ) and G Turner (NZ) bt D Love III and J Leonard 2 holes; G Norman (Aus) and S Elkington (Aus) halved with L Janzen and M Calcavecchia, S Maruyama (Japan) and C Parry (Aus) bt T Woods and F Couples 1 hole. S Appleby (Aus) and N Price (Zim) bt P Mickelson and D Duval 1 hole; E Els (SA) and V Singh (Fiji) bt J Furyk and S Hoch 6 and 4. Four-balls: F Nobilo (NZ) and Turner lost to M O'Meara and S Hoch 1 hole; Maruyama and J Ozaki (Japan) bt Mickelson and Duval 3 and 2, Els and Singh bt Woods and J Huston 1 hole. Price and C Franco (Arg) lost to Janzen and Calcavecchia 3 and 2; Norman and Elkington bt Couples and Love 2 and 1. Yesterday: Singles: Parry bt J Leonard 5 and 3. Price bt Duval 2 and 1; Nobilo lost to Furyk 4 and 2: Franco halved with Mickelson; Maruyama bt Huston 3 and 2; Ozaki lost to Hoch 4 and 3; Turner halved with Calcavecchia; Elkington halved with Janzen; Els bt Love 1 hole; Singh halved with Couples, Norman lost to Woods 1 hole: Appleby lost to O'Meara 1 hole

*AUCKLAND: New Zealand Open: Leading* final scores: 279: M Lane (NZ) 72, 69, 74, 64. 282: R Pampling (Aus) 69, 71, 73, 69. 283: G Moorhead (NZ) 76, 74, 65, 68, P Tataurangi (NZ) 68, 74, 75, 66

SHENZHEN, China: Asian Matchplay tournament: Semi-finals: G Norquist (US) bt J Smith (US) 6 and 5, E Meeks (US) bt E Fryatt (GB) 2 holes. Final: Norquist bt Meeks 2 and 1

## HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Beeston 1 Reading 0. First division: Doncaster 9 St Albans 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bowdon 3 Norton 1. Chester 1 Ben Rhydding 4; Rotherham 1 Sheffield Bankers 3; Southport 2 Formby 2. Warrington 1 Harrogate 4

BUENOS AIRES: Women's international tournament: Argentina 2 Australia 2; Holland 1 Australia 1

EHA WOMEN'S PLATE. Second round: Ben Rhydding 10 Durham City 0; St Ives 1 Bedford 2

WEST WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Portishead 7 Cheltenham 5.

## JUDO

CARDIFF: British Closed championships: Bantamweight: J Buchanan (Scot) bt J Johnson (Midlands). Featherweight: D Sommerville (Scotland) bt S Moss (Midlands). Lightweight: E Bonti (London) bt J-P Bell (South). Light middleweight: G Randall (Scot) bt J Nicholson (Yorkshire and Humberside). Middleweight: R Birch (North West) bt W Gordon (London). Light heavyweight: K Davies (London) bt P Nutter (Yorkshire and Humberside). Heavyweight: R Blanes (Midlands) bt L Spencer (South). Women: Bantamweight: J Heron (Scot) bt V Dunn (South). Featherweight: G Singleton (Northern Home Counties) bt E Summers (Northern Home Counties). Lightweight: N Fairbrother (Northern Home Counties) bt D Allan (South). Light middleweight: G Hutchins (North) bt S Clarke (Scotland). Middleweight: K Howey (South) bt R Wilding (South). Light heavyweight: C Cowan (North) bt M Rogers (North West). Heavyweight: S Calender (South) bt C Drummond (North)

## LACROSSE

DAILY TELEGRAPH SENIOR FLAGS: Replay: Boardman and Eccles 7 Mellor 15

## NORDIC SKIING

DOBBIACO, Italy: World Cup: Men: 10km freestyle: 1, B Daehlie (Nor) 22min 50.7sec. 2, M Botwinov (Austria) 23:05.3. 3, A Stadlober (Austria) 23:05.8, 4, P Elofsson (Swe) 23:08.6; 5, M Fredriksson (Swe) 23:12.2; 6, C Hoffman (Austria) 23:13.0. 15km classical: 1, Daehlie, 38:30.5; 2, E Bjervig (Nor) 38:38.5, 3, J Isometsa (Fin) 38:39.3; 4, P Elofsson (Swe) 38:40.3, 5, M Botwinov (Austria) 38:42.0; 6, A Stadlober (Austria) 38:44.8. Women: 5km freestyle: 1, K Neumannova (Cz Rep) 12min 52.1sec; 2, A Ordina (Swe) 13:03.6; 3, N Gavriljuk (Russ) 13:08.1; 4, K Smigun (Est) 13:08.7; 5, S Belmondo (It) 13:10.8; 6, L Lazutina (Russ) 13:13.4. 10km classical: 1, B Martinsen (Nor) 28:33.9, 2, N Gavriljuk (Russ) 28:58.3; 3, A Ordina (Swe) 29:05.3; 4, O Danilova (Russ) 29:20.7; 5, K Neumannova (Cz Rep) 29:22.8, 6, K Smigun (Est) 29:29.3.

HOCHFILZEN, Austria: Biathlon World Cup: Men: 12.5km: 1, R Poiree (Fr) 33min 43.5sec (0 penalty laps), 2, O E Bjoerndalen (Nor) +48.3 (4); 3, S F (Ger) +54.8 (4). 20km: 1, O Ryschenkow (Bel) 53:00.9 (0); 2, Bjoerndalen 53:23.0 (2); 3, I Masarik (Cz Rep) 53:56.2 (0). Women 10km: 1, M Forsberg (Swe) 32:47.0 (2); 2, C Niogret (Fr) +12.7 (2); 3, S Greiner-Petter-Memm (Ger) +32.1 (3). 15km: 1, U Disl (Ger) 45:35.7 (1); 2, Forsberg 47:23.1 (2), 3, Niogret 47:46.5 (2).

## SCHOOLS SPORT

ATHLETICS: British Aerospace indoor pentathlon international (at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow): Boys: Under-18: 1, D Girdler (England) 3,687pts. 2, J Holby (England) 3637, 3, A Scott (Scotland) 3549. Teams: 1, England 10,642pts; 2, Scotland 10,410; 3, Ireland 9,318. Under-16: 1, E Dunford (England) 3024; 2, M Roberts (England) 2979; 3, M Walden (England 2979. Teams: 1, England 8,982; 2, Wales 8,238; 3, Ireland 8,074. Girls: under-18: 1, S Adamson (England) 3,458; 2, R Jones (Wales) 3,370; 3, K Lowe (England) 3,353. Teams: 1, England 10,016; 2, Wales 9,522; 3, Scotland 9,368. Under-16: 1, A Wilson (England) 3566; 2, C Kearns (Ireland) 3386, 3, H Davies (Wales) 3275. Teams: 1, England 10,068, 2, Ireland 9,084; 3, Wales 8,850

FOOTBALL: Premier League Trophy (under-16): Northumberland 4 Cleveland 0; Suffolk 3, Bedfordshire 1. London Cup: League II (under-15): Suffolk 1, Bedfordshire 2. Heinz Ketchup Trophy: Fourth round: East Riding 3, Coventry 2. Cheshire Cup: First round: Taneside 0, Mid-Cheshire 2. Cheshire Cup: Second round: Chester 1, Warrington 2. Yorkshire Trophy: Sheffield 2, Huddersfield 2; Leeds 4, Hambleton and Richmond 0. Lancashire Cup: Rossendale 1, Blackburn 2.

RUGBY: Ampleforth 62 Leeds GS 0; Bedford Modern 20 RGS High Wycombe 42; Bishop's Stortford Col 17 St Joseph's, Ipswich 12, Bolton 0 Stockport 35, Bristol GS 28 QEGS Wakefield 26; Canford 13 Blundell's 8; Chislehurst & Sidcup 0 Hampton 43; Coopers Coborn 17 Bancroft 7; Edinburgh Academy 10 Dollar Academy 3. Exeter Sch 3 OEH, Bristol 5. Felsted 20 Ipswich 17. Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree 15 Watford GS 10, Hymers 18 Downlands Col (Aus) 17, King's, Worcester 18 RGS Worcester 10, Kirkham 24 Crosby 17. Northwood 34 Berkhamsted 11. Monmouth 10 Llandovery 10.

## SKIING

VAL D'ISERE, France: World Cup Men's downhill: 1, L Kjus (Nor) 1min 43.20sec; 2, L Cattaneo (It) 1:43.48, 3, E Seletto (It) 1:43.64; 4, A Deneriaz (Fr) 1:43.67; 5, A Groenvold (Nor) 1:44.17, 6, K Wert (Can) 1:44.20. Men's super-giant slalom: 1, H Maier (Austria) 1:18.73, 2, S Eberharter (Austria) 1:19.91; 3, Kjus 1:20.10; 4, K-A Aamodt (Nor) 1:20.39, 5, A Schifferer (Austria) 1:20.40. 6, H Knauss (Austria) 1:20.59. Overall: 1, Eberharter 368pts. 2, C Mayer (Austria) 302; 3, Kjus 281; 4, Maier 280, 5, Aamodt 234, 6, T Stangassinger (Austria) 136

## SPEED SKATING

GUILDFORD: Eucerin British short track championships: Men's 500m: 1, N Gooch (Guildford); 2, J Ellis (Bristol); 3, M Jasper (Nottingham). 1000m: 1, R Mitchell (Peterborough). 2, I Cabin (Falkirk); 3, D Russell (Nottingham). 1500m: 1, Gooch; 2, Jasper, 3, Mitchell. 3000m: 1, Gooch, 2 Ellis, 3, Mitchell. Overall men's championship: 1, Gooch: 2, Mitchell, 3, Ellis. Women 500m: 1, D Palmer (Guildford). 2, S Lindsay (Guildford); 3, J Williams (Guildford) 1000m: 1, Palmer, 2, Williams, 3 R Barnes (Guildford). 1500m: 1, Palmer, 2, Lindsay; 3 Williams. Overall women's championship: 1, Palmer; 2, Williams, 3, Lindsay. Juniors 500m: 1, L Flack (Guildford); 2, P Neal (Nottingham), 3, M Lindsay (Guildford)

NAGANO, Japan: World Cup: Men: 500m: 1, J Wotherspoon (Can) 35.85sec, 2, C Fitzrandolph (US) 35.95; 3, K Hanesh (Japan) 36.03. 1,000m: 1, Jan Bos (Holl) 1min 10.93sec, 2, A Sondral (Nor) 1:11.51, 3, Wotherspoon 1:11.52. Women: 500m: 1, C LeMay Doan (Can) 38.85sec; 2, E Sarimya (Japan) 39.16, 3, M Garbrecht (Ger) 39.20. 1,000m: 1, T De Jong (Holl) 1min 17.91sec, 2, Garbrecht 1:17.94, 3, A Thomas (Holl) 1:18.06

## TENNIS

HULL: Grobank Tour: Finals: Men: P Hand (GB) bt M Gregorc (Slovakia) 6-1, 6-2. Women: J Lurova (Russ) bt L Ahl (GB) 6-4, 6-2.

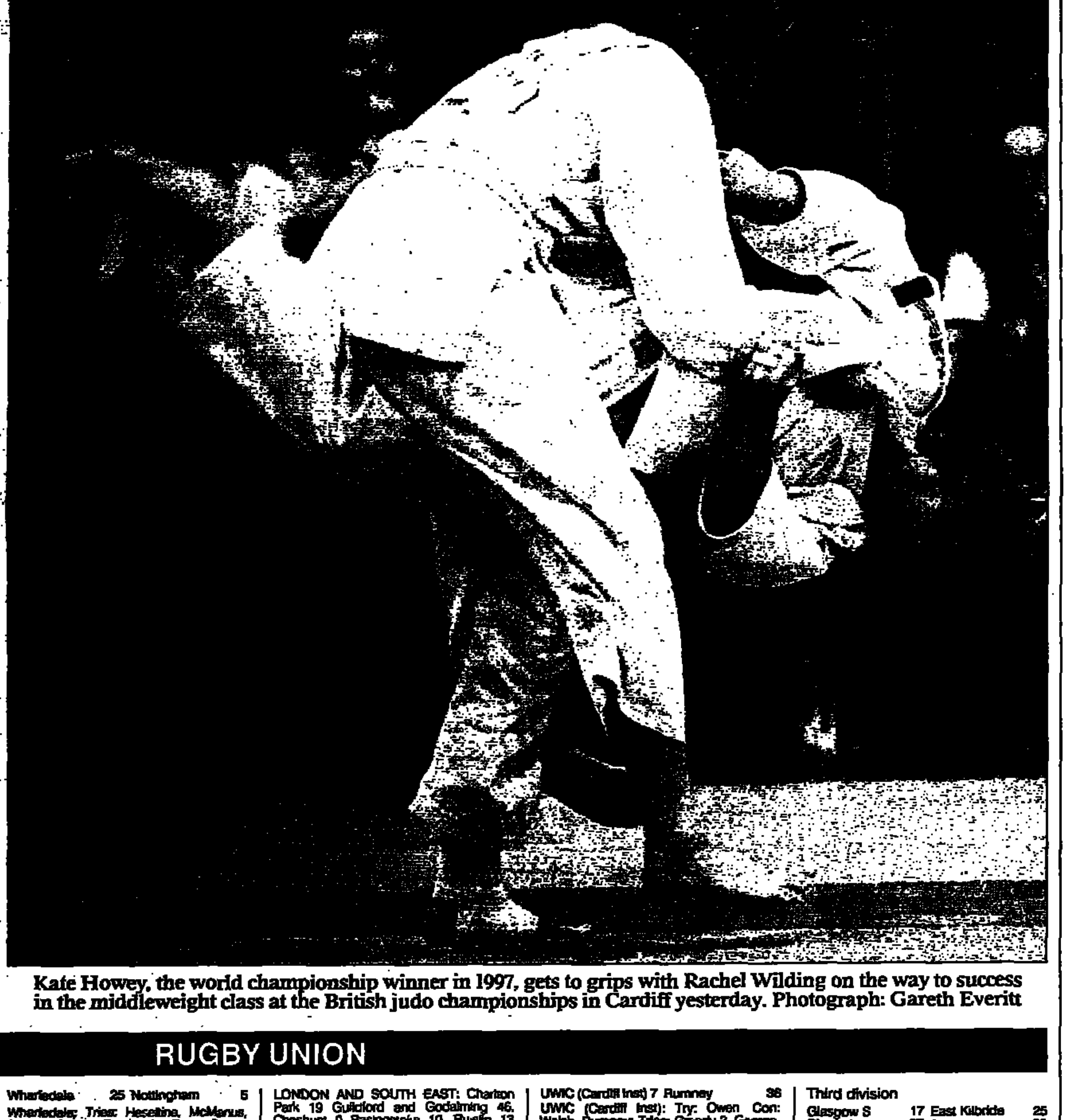
# SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: European short-course championships: Saturday: Men: 200m freestyle: 1, P van den Hoogenband (Holl) 1:44.00; 2, M Rossolino (Ita) 1:44.92; 3, J Carstensen (Den) 1:45.55; 4, L Conrad (Ger) 1:45.86; 5, Y Bruck (Isr) 1:46.89; 6, M Kiedel (Ger) 1:47.11; 7, I Koleda (Bul) 1:47.29; 8, S Brinn (GB) 1:48.75. 200m backstroke: 1, O Arnarson (Ice) 1:55.16; 2, A Ruckwood (GB) 1:55.34; 3, J Sánchez (Sp) 1:55.78; 4, R Florea (Rom) 1:56.46; 5, N Willey (GB) 1:56.47, 6, E Merisi (It) 1:56.68; 7, M Machovic (Slovakia) 1:57.24; 8, V Nikoleychuk (Ukr) 1:58.16. 100m breaststroke: 1, P Isaksson (Swe) 59.22; 2, M Warnecke (Ger) 59.77; 3, J Kruppa (Ger) 59.89; 4, D Mew (GB) 1:00.07; 5, P Schmollinger (Austria) 1:00.40; 6, B Kuipers (Holl) 1:00.62; 7, J Couto (Por) 1:00.77; 8, B Mork (Nor) 1:00.94. 50m butterfly: 1, M Milosevic (Cro) 23.30 (world record); 2, M Foster (GB) 23.34 (British record); 3, L Frolander (Swe) 23.48; 4, J Hard (Fin) 23.91; 5, T Rupprath (Ger) 23.97; 6, J Karlsson (Swe) 24.00; 7, V Hanski (Fin) 24.03; 8, J Ketzer (Holl) 24.11. 200m medley: 1, J Hickman (GB) 1:56.35; 2, M Wouda (Holl) 1:56.51; 3, J Sievinen (Fin) 1:57.14; 4, C Keller (Ger) 1:57.94; 5, S Sergeyev (Ukr) 1:59.63; 6, L Vlazka (Cz Rep) 2:00.85, 7, J Andersen (Den) 2:00.96; 8, J Carrasco (Sp) 2:01.08. 4x50m freestyle relay: 1, Holland 1:26.99 (world best time); 2, Great Britain 1:27.74 (British record); 3, Germany 1:28.01; 4, Sweden 1:28.43; 5, Switzerland 1:29.54; 6, Croatia 1:29.62; 7, France 1:30.38; 8, Norway disq.

Women: 50m freestyle: 1, I de Bruijn (Holl) 24.41; 2, K Meissner (Ger) 24.79; 3, S Rolph (GB) 24.80; 4, A Shepard (GB) 24.98; 5, T Alshammar (Swe) 25.08; 6 equal A-K Kammerling (Swe) 25.35 and A Postma (Holl) 25.35; 8, S Skou (Den) 25.43. 400m freestyle: 1, C Geurts (Holl) 4:08.85; 2, V Horner (GB) 4:09.02; 3, K Legg (GB) 4:09.66; 4, H Cerna (Cz Rep) 4:10.14; 5, J Lillsaga (Swe) 4:11.21; 6, S Ricciardi (It) 4:11.31; 7, K Vlieghuis (Holl) 4:11.69; 8, L Wenberg (Swe) 4:13.39. 100m backstroke: 1, S Voelker (Ger) 59.84; 2, A Buschschulte (Ger) 59.97; 3, A Nyvitova (Ger) 1:00.40; 4, B Starink (Holl) 1:01.01; 5, Y Fomenko (Russ) 1:01.28; 6, H Kapachenia (Bul) 1:01.67; 7, A Gustamelski (Is) 1:01.97; 8, K Sexton (GB) 1:01.98. 200m breaststroke: 1, A Peczak (Pol) 2:25.18; 2, L Becerra (Sp) 2:26.13; 3, A Poleska (Pol) 2:26.21; 4, O Molchanova (Russ) 2:27.76; 5, A Kejzar (Slovenia) 2:27.93; 6, B Becue (Bel) 2:28.10; 7, J King (GB) 2:28.65; 8, H Earp (GB) 2:28.74. 100m butterfly: 1, M Moravcova (Slovakia) 57.72 (European record); 2, J Sjoberg (Swe) 58.17; 3, I de Bruijn (Holl) 58.47; 4, S Skou (Den) 58.94; 5, M Jacobsen (Den) 59.30; 6, A Uryniuk (Pol) 59.85; 7, M Pavinen (Fin) 1:00.19; 8, M Pelaez (Sp) 1:01.06. 100m medley: 1, M Moravcova (Slovakia) 1:00.43 (world record); 2, N Kejzer (Slovenia) 1:02.26, 3, S Rolph (GB) 1:02.39; 4, M Jacobsen (Den) 1:03.29; 5, Y Hlavacova (Cz Rep) 1:03.30; 6, S Gerasch (Ger) 1:03.59; 7, V Lischka (Austria) 1:03.71; 8, M Santos (Por) 1:04.48

Yesterday: Men: 50m freestyle: 1, M Foster (GB), 21.31 (world record); 2, M Veens (Hol), 21.79; 3, P van den Hoogenband (Hol); 21.87; 4, A Luderitz (Ger) 22.17; 5, Y Bruck (Isr) 22.35; 6, S Brinn (GB) 22.40; 7, C Buhler (Switz) 22.44; 8, D Kalinovski (Bela) 22.45. 1,500m freestyle: 1, G Smith (GB), 14:32.29 (Scottish record); 2, I Snitko (Ukraine), 14:51.70; 3, E Brembilla (Ita), 14:53.45; 4, T Lohfink (Ger) 14:53.79; 5, J Carstensen (Den) 14:54.50; 6, I Wilson (GB), 15:02.18; 7, J Dub (Cz Rep) 15:16.08; 8, V Burda (Cz Rep 15:37.40. 100m backstroke: 1, S Theloke (Ger), 52.71; 2, D Grigalionis (Lith), 53.41; 3, E Urbach (Isr), 53.64; 4, O Arnarson (Ice) 53.715; 5, N Willey (GB), 53.73; 6, M Siembida (Pol) 53.74; 7, J Andersen (Den) 54.09; 8, T E Karlsen (Nor) 54.61. 200m breaststroke: 1, A Whitehead (GB), 2:08.54; 2, S Perrot (Fr), 2:09.41; 3, M Podoprigora (Austria), 2:10.09; 4, B Mork (Nor) 2:10.25; 5, B Kuipers (Holl) 2:10.90; 6, A Gukov (Bela) 2:11.17; 7, J Couto (Por) 2:11.69; 8, V Kalmikovs (Lat) 2:12.69. 100m butterfly: 1, J Hickman (GB), 51.04 (heats, 51.02, world record); 2, L Frolander (Swe), 51.11; 3, D Silantiev (Ukr), 51.87; 4, M Milosevic (Cro) 52.24; 5, S Aartsen (Holl) 52.54; 6, D Carlsson (Swe) 52.75; 7, V Hanski (Fin) 52.79. 400m medley: 1, M Wouda (Hol), 4:07.70; 2, F Hvild (Spain), 4:12.13; 3, C Keller (Ger), 4:12.56; 4, M Windisch (Austria) 4:13.52; 5, M Halika (Isr) 4:13.78; 6, J Sievinen (Fin) 4:16.00; 7, J Vlazka (Cz Rep) 4:16.18. T Kerekcarto (Hun) disq. 4x50m medley relay: 1 equal, Germany and Sweden, 1:35.51 (world best time); 3, Great Britain, 1:36.11 (British record); 4, Finland 1:37.74; 5, Croatia 1:39.28; 6, Norway 1:39.57; 7, Switzerland 1:39.92; 8, Czech Republic 1:40.86.

Women: 200m freestyle: 1, M Moravcova (Slovakia), 1:55.12 (European record); 2, F van Almsick (Ger), 1:57.05; 3, L Johncke (Swe), 1:57.39; 4, C Huddart (GB), 1:57.94; 5, S Szalai (Ger) 1:58.21; 6, C Geurts (Holl) 1:59.18; 7, K Pickering (GB) 1:59.89; 8, L Roca (Sp) 2:00.72. 50m backstroke: 1, S Voelker (Ger), 27.27 (world record); 2, T Alshammar (Swe), 28.46; 3, A Nyvltova (Cz Rep), 28.47; 4, H Kapachenia (Bela) 28.52; 5, A Buschschulte (Ger) 28.58; 6, B Starink (Holl) 28.78; 7, D Diezi (Switz) 29.00; 8, A Kolvisto (Fin) 29.12. 50m breaststroke: 1, S Gerasch (Ger), 31.43; 2, V Lischka (Austria), 31.61; 3, J King (GB), 31.69; 4, J Schaefer (Ger) 31.85; 5 equal, N Valen (Holl) and S Bondarenko (Ukr) 31.93; 7, M Beans (Holl) 31.94; 8, M Ostling (Swe) 32.73. 200m butterfly: 1, S Skou (Den), 2:07.68; 2, M Jacobsen (Den), 2:07.92; 3, J Sjoberg (Swe), 2:08.21; 4, M Pelaez (Sp) 2:09.05; 5, A Uryniuk (Pol) 2:09.08; 6, M Pedder (GB), 2:10.51 (British record); 7, M Garcia (Sp) 2:11.37; 8, K Jaeke (Ger) 2:11.90. 200m medley: 1, A Peczak (Pol), 2:12.05; 2, N Hetzer (Ger), 2:13.05; 3, S Rolph (GB), 2:13.19; 4, M Svahnstrom (Swe) 2:14.03; 5, A Kejzar (Slovenia) 2:14.15; 6, L Becerra (Sp) 2:14.48; 7, Y Gervy (Bel) 2:15.39; 8, H Cerna (Cz Rep) 2:15.91. 4 by 50m medley: 1, Germany, 1:50.13 (world best time); 2, Sweden, 1:50.84; 3, Holland, 1:51.04; 4, Slovenia 1:52.47; 5, Czech Republic 1:52.74; 6, Switzerland 1:56.19; 7, Spain 1:56.67. Great Britain disqualified.



Kate Howey, the world championship winner in 1997, gets to grips with Rachel Wilding on the way to success in the middleweight class at the British judo championships in Cardiff yesterday. Photograph: Gareth Everitt

# ICE HOCKEY

SUPERLEAGUE: Bracknell Bees 1 Manchester Storm 4, Nottingham Panthers 4 Ayr Scottish Eagles 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Calgary 2 Tampa Bay 1; Buffalo 2 New York Rangers 0; Detroit 3 Edmonton 2; Toronto 3 Chicago 2; Dallas 3 Montreal 2; Anaheim 1 Washington 0. Saturday: New Jersey 5 Colorado 3, Buffalo 4 Boston 1; Carolina 3 Detroit 0; Nashville 2 Montreal 2 (OT); Tampa Bay 2 New York Islanders 1 (OT); Phoenix 2 Ottawa 0; Philadelphia 3 Toronto 0; Calgary 4 Florida 2; Pittsburgh 4 St Louis 3, Los Angeles 3 Vancouver 0; San Jose 2 Washington 1.

Eastern Conference

Northeast division

| | W | L | T | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Buffalo | 15 | 5 | 5 | 35 | 73 | 45 |
| Toronto | 16 | 11 | 2 | 34 | 86 | 83 |
| Boston | 12 | 8 | 6 | 30 | 67 | 51 |
| Ottawa | 13 | 10 | 3 | 29 | 77 | 64 |
| Montreal | 8 | 16 | 4 | 20 | 83 | 83 |

Atlantic division

| | W | L | T | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Jersey | 17 | 7 | 3 | 37 | 81 | 67 |
| Philadelphia | 13 | 9 | 5 | 31 | 76 | 62 |
| Pittsburgh | 11 | 7 | 7 | 29 | 75 | 67 |
| NY Rangers | 10 | 11 | 7 | 27 | 72 | 71 |
| NY Islanders | 10 | 18 | 0 | 20 | 69 | 83 |

Southeast division

| | W | L | T | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carolina | 13 | 11 | 5 | 31 | 77 | 67 |
| Florida | 9 | 11 | 6 | 24 | 66 | 74 |
| Washington | 8 | 16 | 3 | 19 | 57 | 74 |
| Tampa Bay | 8 | 18 | 2 | 18 | 61 | 102 |

Western Conference

Central division

| | W | L | T | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 16 | 10 | 1 | 33 | 87 | 68 |
| St Louis | 9 | 9 | 6 | 24 | 63 | 58 |
| Nashville | 10 | 14 | 3 | 23 | 62 | 80 |
| Chicago | 9 | 16 | 3 | 21 | 66 | 95 |

Northwest division

| | W | L | T | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado | 13 | 12 | 2 | 28 | 69 | 72 |
| Edmonton | 13 | 13 | 2 | 28 | 81 | 75 |
| Calgary | 11 | 15 | 2 | 24 | 77 | 80 |
| Vancouver | 10 | 14 | 4 | 24 | 78 | 83 |

Pacific division

| | W | L | T | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Phoenix | 17 | 3 | 3 | 37 | 68 | 37 |
| Dallas | 16 | 5 | 4 | 36 | 72 | 52 |
| Anaheim | 10 | 11 | 6 | 26 | 62 | 66 |
| Los Angeles | 8 | 17 | 3 | 19 | 60 | 77 |
| San Jose | 6 | 14 | 7 | 19 | 57 | 68 |

# GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

**TODAY**

FOOTBALL

*Kick-off 7.30 unless stated*

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Leeds v Coventry (8.0)

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Second Round Replay: Rothwell v Hendon

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Irish Open (to Dec 20)

**TOMORROW**

FOOTBALL

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Sunderland v Crystal Palace (7 45)

*SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third division*: Stenhousemuir v Brechin

FA CUP: Second Round Replay: Brentford v Oldham (7.45); Bristol Rovers v Exeter (7 45); Leyton Orient v Kingstonian (7 45), Manchester City v Darlington (7.45), Plymouth v Wycombe (7 45): Rotherham v Rochdale (7.45); Rushden and Diamonds v Doncaster (7 45); Wigan v Notts County (7 45).

RUGBY LEAGUE

TEAMSPORT INTERNATIONAL: Scotland Students v France Students (2 0, at West of Scotland)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Uni-ball Trophy: Chester Jets v Sheffield Sharks.

**WEDNESDAY**

*FOOTBALL*

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Manchester Utd v Chelsea (8 0)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Motherwell v Dundee (7.45) Second division: Inverness CT v Alloa (7 45)

*FA CARLSBERG VASE THIRD ROUND*: Bowers v Diss

**THURSDAY**

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Coolum Classic (Queensland, to Dec 20)

EQUESTRIAN: Olympia International Championships (London, to Dec 21)

SWIMMING: British Winter Championships (Glasgow, to Dec 20)

**FRIDAY**

FOOTBALL

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Bristol Rovers v Macclesfield (7 45), Colchester v Blackpool (7 45) Third division: Brentford v Cambridge Utd (7.45); Rotherham v Chester (7.45). Shrewsbury v Torquay (7 45)

LEAGUE OF WALES: Conwy v Bangor City

RUGBY LEAGUE

TEAMSPORT INTERNATIONAL: England Students v France Students (7 30, at New Riverside, London).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Uni-ball Trophy: Milton Keynes Lions v Thames Valley Tigers. Sheffield Sharks v Derby Storm

**SATURDAY**

FOOTBALL

*Kick-off 7.30 unless stated*

**denotes all-ticket*

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelsea v Tottenham; Coventry v Derby; Liverpool v Sheffield Wednesday. Manchester Utd v Middlesbrough, Newcastle v Leicester, *Nottingham Forest v Blackburn; Southampton* v Wimbledon. West Ham v Everton.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Swindon, Birmingham v Sunderland, Bolton v Portsmouth, Bradford v Wolverhampton: *Crewe v Huddersfield: Crystal Palace v Queens Park Rangers. *Grimsby v Watford, Norwich v Bristol City*: Port Vale v Bury; Stockport v Oxford Utd: West Bromwich v Tranmere Second division: Burnley v Northampton. Chesterfield v Wigan, Gillingham v Notts County. Luton v Millwall, Preston v Fulham, Reading v Oldham. *Walsall v Stoke; Wrexham v *Bournemouth, Wycombe v Lincoln*: *York v Manchester City Third division: Barnet v Leyton Orient: Cardiff v Mansfield, Darlington v Scunthorpe, Halifax v Exeter, Hartlepool v Southend, Hull v Swansea. Peterborough v Scarborough, Plymouth v Carlisle, Rochdale v Brighton.

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: *Celtic* v Dunfermline, Dundee v Aberdeen: Hearts v Rangers, Motherwell v St Johnstone

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Ayr v Hamilton, Hibernian v Clydebank, Raith v Greenock Morton, St Mirren v Falkirk, Stranraer v Airdrie. Second division: Alloa v *Forfar, Arbroath v East Fife: Clyde v Queen* Of South, Livingston v Stirling; Partick v Inverness CT Third division: Berwick v Albion, Brechin v Queen's Park, Cowdenbeath v East Stirling; Dumbarton v Stenhousemuir, Ross County v Montrose

FOOTBALL CONFERENCE: Barrow v *Forest Green: Cheltenham v Stevenage*, Doncaster v Dover: Hednesford v Welling Hereford v Kettering. Leek v Kingstonian, Morecambe v Hayes, Rushden and Diamonds v Farnborough, Southport v Kidderminster: Woking v Northwich. Yeovil v Telford

*PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE*: Clachnacuddin v Fraserburgh: Cove v Deveronvale Elgin v Huntly Fort William v Buckie Thistle, Keith v Brora: Lossiemouth v Nairn County Peterhead v Forres Mechanics. Rothes v Wick Academy

LEAGUE OF WALES: Barry v Aberystwyth (2 30); Caernarfon v TNS (2 30). Caersws v Rhayader Town (2 30); Connah's Quay v Newtown (2 30): Cwmbran v Holywell (2.30), Haverfordwest v Carmarthen Town (2.30). Rhyl v Inter Cable-Tel (2 30)

RUGBY UNION

*Kick off 2.30 unless stated*

ALLIED DUNBAR: Premiership one: Bath *v Saracens (2 0): Gloucester v Leicester* (3 0); London Irish v Harlequins (3 0). London Scottish v Richmond (3.0) Premiership two: Blackheath v Fylde (3 0), Bristol v Waterloo (3 0); London Welsh v Rugby (2 0); Orrell v Exeter (3 0). Rotherham v Worcester (2 15)

JEWSON NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Camberley v Birmingham/Solihull, Henley v Rosslyn Park (2 15), Lydney v Otley (3 0); Manchester v Harrogate (2 15); Morley v Reading (3 0) Nottingham v Liverpool St Helens (3.0): Wharfedale v Newbury (2 15) Second division north: Hinckley v Preston Grasshoppers; Kendal v Stourbridge: Lichfield v Nuneaton, Sandal v Winnington Park (2 15): Sedgley Park v Walsall, Sheffield v Aspatria: Whitchurch v New Brighton Second division south: Bracknell v Plymouth (2 15). Havant v Cheltenham, Met Police v Bridgwater (3 0); Norwich v Esher (2 15): Redruth v Barking, Tabard v Clifton (2 15), Weston-S-Mare v North Walsham (3 0)

SWALEC CUP: Fourth Round: Group A: Dinas Powys v Pontypool Utd: Ebbw Vale v Treherbert. Group B: Cross Keys v *Dunvant, Glynneath v Trimsaran. Group C*: Bridgend v Treorchy, Talywain v Nantymoel. Group D: Beddau v Whitland, Pontypool v Rhigos/Mountain Ash. Group E: Penygraig v Rhymney. Wrexham v Neath Group F: Monmouth v Llanhilleth, Ystradgynlais v Vardre. Group G: Llanharan v Newport *Risca v Swansea. Group H: Heol-Y-Cyw* v Tondu Hirwaun v Kidwelly Group I: Cwmavon v Bedwas: Narberth v Caerphilly Group J: Abercwmboi v Maesteg. Betws v Blackwood Group K: Blaengarw v Ynysybwl; Pontyclun v Llanelli. Group L: Pencoed v Abertillery. Group M: Cwmllynfell v *Taffs Well; Pontypridd* v Aberavon. Group N: Builth Wells v Rumney. Tredegar v Merthyr. Group O: Aberavon v Carmarthen Quins, Ystrad Rhondda v South Wales Police Group P: Bonymaen v Newbridge, Oakdale v UWIC (Cardiff Inst)

TENNENT'S VELVET PREMIERSHIP: First division: Boroughmuir v Glasgow Hawks (2.0); Hawick v Jed-Forest (2 0). Heriots FP v Watsonians (2 0). Stirling County v Currie (2 0). West of Scotland v Melrose (2.0). Second division: Aberdeen GSFP v Edinburgh Acads (2 0). Biggar v Dundee HSFP (2 0), Gala v Selkirk (2.0). Kelso v Kilmarnock (2 0); Musselburgh v Kirkcaldy (2.0) Third division: Ayr v Preston Lodge (2.0): East Kilbride v Peebles (2 0). Glenrothes v Gordonians (2 0). Grangemouth v Glasgow Southern (2 0). Stewarts Mel FP v Berwick (2 0)

A I B LEAGUE: First division: Ballymena v St Marys, Blackrock College v Shannon. Buccaneers v Terenure, Garryowen v Galwegians, Lansdowne v Clontarf. Young Munster v Cork Constitution Second division: Ballynahinch v Derry. Bective Rangers v Wanderers, Dolphin v Old Wesley: Dungannon v Portadown; Old Belvedere v Malone. Skerries v Greystones

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Clayton v Normanton (1.30). Gateshead Panthers v Crosfields (2 30). Ovenden v East Leeds (1.30).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Castleford Lock Lane v Beverley East Hull (2 0), Egremont v Wigan St Patricks (2.0), Leigh MR v Woolston (2.30), Saddleworth v West Hull (2 30). Skirlaugh v Askam (2 0) Thornhill v Heworth (2.0), Walney Central v Oldham St Annes (1 0) First division: Dudley Hill v Oulton (2.30), Featherstone Lions v Shaw Cross (2 30), Millom v Redhill (2 0), Siddal v Leigh East (2.0). Wigan St Judes v Barrow Island (2 0) Second division: Blackbrook v York Acorn (2 30). Eccles v Dewsbury Moor (2 0); Ideal Isberg v Hull Dockers (2 0). Keighley Alb v London Skolars (2.0). New Earswick v Dodworth (2 0)

TEAMSPORT INTERNATIONAL: Ireland Students v France Students (2 0, at Blackrock Coll)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: *Uni-ball Trophy*: Leicester Riders v Milton Keynes Lions Worthing Bears v Sheffield Sharks

**SUNDAY**

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: *Arsenal v Leeds (4 0)

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Utd v Ipswich (1 0).

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Kilmarnock v Dundee Utd (6.05).

LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cable-Tel v Rhyl (2 30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Rochdale Mayfield v Leeds Met Univ (1.30) Scottish Border Eagl v Wath Brow (2.0, at Hillhead S C Glasgow)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Brussels: IAAF Cross Challenge Series

BASKETBALL: Uni-ball Trophy: Thames Valley Tigers v Leicester Riders

GOLF: Henderson, Nevada: Three-tour Challenge.

# RUGBY UNION

## Allied Dunbar Premiership

### First division

**Bath 9 Northampton 15**

Bath: Pens: Catt 3. Northampton: Tries: Dawson, Pountney. Con: Grayson. Pen: Grayson. Att: 8,300.

**Bedford 10 West Hartlepool 23**

Bedford: Tries: Ewens, Howard. West Hartlepool: Tries: Brewer, Farrell. Cons: Vile 2. Pens: Vile 3. Att: 2,392.

**Leicester 31 Newcastle 18**

Leicester: Tries: Back 2, Stuart. Cons: Murphy 2. Pens: Murphy 2, Stimpson 2. Newcastle: Tries: Andrew, Legg. Con: Wilkinson. Pens: Wilkinson 2

**London Scottish 9 Wasps 17**

London Scottish: Pens: De Beer 3. Wasps: Tries: Lewsey, Penalty. Cons: Logan 2. Pen: Logan. Att: 2,159.

**Sale 26 Gloucester 10**

Sale: Tries: Henley 2, Howarth, Mallinder. Cons: Howarth 3. Gloucester: Try: P Saint-André. Con: Mannix. Pen: Mannix. Att: 8,200.

**Saracens 40 London Irish 26**

Saracens: Tries: Pienaar 2, Ratman, Free. Cons: Johnson 4. Pens: Johnson 4. London Irish: Tries: Boer, Kirke. Cons: Cunningham 2. Pens: Cunningham 4. Att: 10,373.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leicester | 12 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 374 | 218 | 18 |
| Northampton | 12 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 328 | 263 | 18 |
| Wasps | 13 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 390 | 269 | 16 |
| Saracens | 12 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 381 | 272 | 16 |
| Bath | 12 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 331 | 246 | 14 |
| Harlequins | 11 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 305 | 290 | 14 |
| Gloucester | 12 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 272 | 264 | 14 |
| Newcastle | 11 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 307 | 265 | 12 |
| Richmond | 11 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 239 | 310 | 12 |
| London Irish | 12 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 300 | 318 | 10 |
| Sale | 12 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 292 | 350 | 10 |
| Lon Scottish | 11 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 198 | 282 | 6 |
| Bedford | 13 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 294 | 422 | 4 |
| W Hartlepool | 12 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 183 | 477 | 2 |

LEADING SCORERS: 195: J Schuster (Harlequins; 3 tries, 18 conversions, 47 penalty goals, 1 dropped goal) 171: K Logan (Wasps; 6t, 21c, 33pg) 160: G Johnson (Saracens; 6t, 29c, 24pg). J Stransky (Leicester; 5t, 30c, 25pg) 145: M Catt (Bath; 1t, 22c, 32pg) 145: N Woods (London Irish; 6t, 17c, 27pg). 127: J Wilkinson (Newcastle; 3t, 23c, 22pg). 118: S Howard (Bedford; 3t, 23c, 19pg) 106: S Howarth (Sale, 3t, 20c, 17pg). Tries: 9: J Guscott (Bath). 8: N Back (Leicester). 7: D Luger (Harlequins), D O'Mahony (Bedford), T Underwood (Newcastle)

### Second division

**Exeter 26 Blackheath 7**

Exeter: Tries: Hargreaves, R John, Sturman. Con: B Easson. Pens: B Easson 3. Blackheath: Try: Clarke. Con: Braithwaite.

**London Welsh 36 Fylde 15**

London Welsh: Tries: Woodard 3, Currier, Edwards, Rowland, Phillips. Cons: Lee 3. Fylde: Tries: Lavin, Smaje. Con: D Tanner. Pen: D Tanner.

**Moseley 6 Rotherham 16**

Moseley: Pens: S Jones 2. Rotherham: Try: Austin. Con: Marchos. Pens: Marchos 3.

**Rugby 9 Leeds 18**

Rugby: Pens: M Davies 3. Leeds: Tries: Sailor, Saverimutto. Con: Tupuiotu. Pens: Tupuiotu 2.

**Wakefield 10 Coventry 18**

Wakefield: Try: Wilson. Con: O Edwards. Pen: O Edwards. Coventry: Tries: Eves, Minshull. Con: Gough. Pens: Gough 2.

**Waterloo 10 Orrell 17**

Waterloo: Try: Larue. Con: L Griffiths. Pen: L Griffiths. Orrell: Try: Wynn. Pens: Verbickas 3. Dropped goal: Ryan.

**Worcester 20 Bristol 9**

Worcester: Try: Janner. Pens: John Liley 5. Bristol: Pens: Hull 3.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bristol | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 362 | 174 | 20 |
| Worcester | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 305 | 157 | 20 |
| Coventry | 12 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 320 | 217 | 16 |
| Waterloo | 12 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 228 | 216 | 16 |
| Rotherham | 11 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 252 | 129 | 14 |
| Lon Welsh | 12 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 297 | 291 | 14 |
| Exeter | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 265 | 285 | 13 |
| Leeds | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 263 | 187 | 12 |
| Orrell | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 245 | 169 | 12 |
| Rugby | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 202 | 247 | 12 |
| Moseley | 12 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 223 | 287 | 8 |
| Wakefield | 12 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 216 | 365 | 4 |
| Fylde | 11 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 148 | 353 | 3 |
| Blackheath | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 124 | 393 | 0 |

LEADING SCORERS: 158: S Gough (Coventry; 6 tries, 24 conversions, 26 penalty goals). 135: S Tupulotu (Leeds; 2t, 16c, 31pg). 130: L Griffiths (Waterloo; 1t, 14c, 32pg). 110: B Easson (Exeter; 1t, 15c, 25pg). 91: P Hull (Bristol; 2t, 18c, 15pg). 85: D Trivella (Rotherham; 4t, 16c, 11pg). 83: R Le Bas (Worcester; 2t, 14c, 15pg) Tries: 8: A Larkin (Bristol). 6: A Currier (London Welsh), J Fabian (Exeter), Gough, B Wade (Rotherham)

## Jewson National League

### First division

**Birmingham 35 Morley 7**

Birmingham/Solihull: Tries: Hyde, Outhart, Smith, Wilkinson. Cons: M Birch 2, Quentril. Pens: M Birch 3. Morley: Try: Goddard. Con: M Sales.

**Harrogate 24 Camberley 24**

Harrogate: Tries: Baker, Caldwell, Farrar. Cons: Yates 3. Pen: Yates. Camberley: Tries: Burns, G Gregory, Stafford. Cons: G Gregory 3. Pen: G Gregory.

**Liverpool St H 12 Henley 67**

Liverpool St Helens: Tries: M Saphton 2. Con: Close. Henley: Tries: Sharp 3, Davies 2, Fuller, Maudsley, P Daman, Penalty, M Venner. Cons: Maudsley 7. Dropped goal: P Daman

**Newbury 17 Manchester 14**

Newbury: Tries: C Davies, Griffiths, Gully. Con: Pothippi. Manchester: Try: Blood. Pens: Swindells 3.

**Reading 26 Otley 25**

Reading: Tries: Muckalt, Rowland. Cons: Dance 2. Pens: Dance 4. Otley: Tries: Filipo, Gardner, Hawkins. Cons: Hawkins 2. Pens: Hawkins 2.

**Rosslyn Park 20 Lydney 10**

Rosslyn Park: Tries: Brady, Marvel. Cons: A Maddock 2. Pens: A Maddock 2. Lydney: Try: Paisley. Con: Paisley. Pen: Paisley.

**Wharfedale 25 Nottingham 5**

Wharfedale: Tries: Heseltine, McManus, Pears. Cons: Pears 2. Pen: Pears. Dropped goal: Pears. Nottingham: Try: Royer.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Manchester | 13 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 383 | 201 | 22 |
| Henley | 13 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 325 | 150 | 22 |
| Otley | 13 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 259 | 202 | 18 |
| Rosslyn Pk | 12 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 266 | 199 | 14 |
| Reading | 13 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 298 | 271 | 14 |
| Lydney | 13 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 253 | 253 | 14 |
| Camberley | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 270 | 340 | 13 |
| Birmingham | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 267 | 232 | 12 |
| Newbury | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 211 | 213 | 12 |
| Nottingham | 13 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 245 | 254 | 10 |
| Wharfedale | 13 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 209 | 223 | 10 |
| Harrogate | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 162 | 227 | 9 |
| Morley | 12 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 191 | 266 | 8 |
| Liverpool SH | 13 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 155 | 443 | 2 |

LEADING SCORERS: 203: S Swindells (Manchester; 1 try, 30 conversions, 46 penalty goals). 139: J Dance (Reading; 1t, 23c, 29pg). 129: C Atkinson (Nottingham; 1t, 14c, 32pg). 117: G Gregory (Camberley; 2t, 16c, 24pg, 1 dropped goal) 116: D Pears (Wharfedale, 3t, 7c, 27pg, 2dg). 113: M Birch (Birmingham/Solihull; 2t, 17c, 23pg) 88: N Paisley (Lydney; 4t, 9c, 16pg) Tries: 8: T Burgon (Manchester), D Muckalt (Reading), G Sharp (Henley).

### Second division north

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aspatria | 30 | Sedgley Park | 25 |
| New Brighton | 54 | Hinckley | 0 |
| Nuneaton | 24 | Whitchurch | 15 |
| Preston G | 39 | Sandal | 26 |
| Stourbridge | 42 | Lichfield | 14 |
| Walsall | 25 | Kendal | 20 |
| Winnington Park | 16 | Sheffield | 27 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Preston G | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 425 | 190 | 22 |
| New Brighton | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 358 | 92 | 20 |
| Stourbridge | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 354 | 205 | 20 |
| Sheffield | 12 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 272 | 192 | 16 |
| Aspatria | 12 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 332 | 273 | 14 |
| Nuneaton | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 260 | 271 | 14 |
| Kendal | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 295 | 193 | 12 |
| Sedgley Park | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 324 | 265 | 11 |
| Walsall | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 263 | 343 | 11 |
| Sandal | 12 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 292 | 299 | 10 |
| Whitchurch | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 178 | 270 | 9 |
| Hinckley | 12 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 161 | 362 | 5 |
| Lichfield | 12 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 146 | 409 | 2 |
| Winnington P | 12 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 133 | 439 | 2 |

### Second division south

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Barking | 34 | Norwich | 3 |
| Bridgwater | 32 | Havant | 7 |
| Cheltenham | 11 | Bracknell | 15 |
| Clifton | 19 | Met Police | 20 |
| Esher | 18 | Tabard | 10 |
| North Walsham | 25 | Redruth | 10 |
| Plymouth | 27 | Weston-s-Mare | 18 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Esher | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 412 | 136 | 22 |
| Barking | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 276 | 129 | 20 |
| Bracknell | 12 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 244 | 165 | 20 |
| N Walsham | 12 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 252 | 153 | 18 |
| Met Police | 12 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 235 | 191 | 16 |
| Norwich | 12 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 187 | 174 | 14 |
| Tabard | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 201 | 188 | 12 |
| Weston-s-M | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 198 | 242 | 11 |
| Plymouth | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 212 | 263 | 9 |
| Bridgwater | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 213 | 273 | 7 |
| Clifton | 12 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 189 | 230 | 6 |
| Redruth | 12 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 165 | 292 | 5 |
| Cheltenham | 12 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 155 | 293 | 4 |
| Havant | 12 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 138 | 348 | 4 |

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Charlton Park 19 Guildford and Godalming 46. Cheshunt 0 Basingstoke 10, Ruislip 13 Harlow 16; Southend 0 Wimbledon 47; Sudbury 18 Staines 27; Thanet Wndrs 31 O Colfeians 10; Thurrock 32 O Mid-Whitgiftians 23; Woodford 23 Sutton and Epsom 16.

SOUTH WEST: Barnstaple 32 Torquay Athletic 13, Berry Hill 5 Stroud 14, Launceston 18 Maidenhead 0; Matson 31 Gloucester OB 3; Penzance-Newlyn 42 Old Patesians 16; Salisbury 3 Keynsham 13.

MIDLANDS: Banbury 16 Camp Hill 3; Hereford 27 Burton 10; Kenilworth 38 Wolverhampton 0; Leighton Buzzard 11 Broadstreet 16; Mansfield 7 Belgrave 26, Scunthorpe 28 Barkers Butts 10; Stoke-on-Trent 23 Dudley 24; Syston 31 Westleigh 18.

NORTH: Blaydon 17 Northern 10; Bridlington 3 Tynedale 37; Doncaster 45 Broughton Pk 10; Macclesfield 17 Wigton 23; Middlesbrough 20 Stockton 14, Widnes 21 Hull Ionians 9.

## Welsh National League

### Premier division

**Aberavon 16 Bridgend 6**

Aberavon: Try: Stork. Con: C Rees. Pens: C Rees 3. Bridgend: Pens: Lewis 2

**Neath 30 Newport 13**

Neath: Tries: T Davies, M Davies, Sinkinson, Tiueti. Cons: Case 2. Pens: Case 2. Newport: Try: Popham. Con: Connor. Pens: Connor 2.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | T | B | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Llanelli | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 291 | 158 | 37 | 7 | 25 |
| Pontypridd | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 299 | 140 | 37 | 6 | 24 |
| Ebbw Vale | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 212 | 162 | 25 | 3 | 21 |
| Neath | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 208 | 185 | 25 | 4 | 16 |
| Caerphilly | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 212 | 256 | 23 | 1 | 14 |
| Bridgend | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 181 | 200 | 20 | 2 | 12 |
| Newport | 8 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 191 | 270 | 25 | 5 | 11 |
| Aberavon | 9 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 138 | 351 | 17 | 1 | 4 |

### First division

**Abertillery 10 Treorchy 38**

Abertillery: Try: Howard. Con: Withers. Pen: Withers. Treorchy: Tries: Langmead 2, Morris 2, Howell, Riggs. Cons: Langmead 4.

**Bonymaen 29 Llandovery 5**

Bonymaen: Tries: N Evans, P John, C Lewis; Powell. Cons: S Davies 3. Pen: S Davies. Llandovery: Try: McCormack.

**Cross Keys 19 Blackwood 22**

*Cross Keys: Tries: Clements, Sage*, P Watkins. Cons: Bebb 2. Blackwood: Tries: Brown, Fitzpatrick, Hallman, G Rees. Con: Brown.

**Maesteg 0 Dunvant 66**

Dunvant: Tries: Evans 2, W Lloyd 2, Killa, Llewellyn, McFallen, Meredith, A Thomas, C Thomas. Cons: Daniel 6, M Thomas 2

**Merthyr 27 Pontypool 17**

Merthyr: Tries: Dicks, Loring, Penalty, G Thomas, R Williams. Con: J Lloyd. Pontypool: Tries: J Griffin, James, Simms. Con: Silva.

**Newbridge 13 South WP 7**

Newbridge: Try: Wilkins. Con: Williams. Pens: Williams 2. South Wales Police: Try: R Price. Con: Sparrow

**Tredegar 3 Tondu 6**

Tredegar: Pen: Chapman. Tondu: Pens: Hocking, G Watts.

**UWIC (Cardiff Inst) 7 Rumney 36**

UWIC (Cardiff Inst): Try: Owen. Con: Welch. Rumney: Tries: Greedy 2, George, K Lee, Peard, Penalty. Cons: Davies 3

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | T | B | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dunvant | 14 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 524 | 219 | 77 | 13 | 49 |
| Bonymaen | 15 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 368 | 204 | 52 | 9 | 43 |
| Pontypool | 15 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 366 | 265 | 46 | 5 | 38 |
| Cross Keys | 14 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 359 | 218 | 44 | 5 | 35 |
| Llandovery | 15 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 385 | 308 | 51 | 4 | 32 |
| Merthyr | 15 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 299 | 263 | 40 | 3 | 31 |
| Treorchy | 14 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 331 | 233 | 44 | 6 | 30 |
| Rumney | 14 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 290 | 320 | 42 | 7 | 28 |
| Newbridge | 15 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 370 | 333 | 42 | 5 | 26 |
| Abertillery | 14 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 265 | 309 | 31 | 4 | 23 |
| Blackwood | 14 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 257 | 278 | 41 | 6 | 19 |
| Tondu | 14 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 218 | 338 | 27 | 1 | 16 |
| Tredegar | 15 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 287 | 340 | 34 | 3 | 16 |
| UWIC | 15 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 286 | 402 | 37 | 3 | 16 |
| South WP | 14 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 206 | 350 | 30 | 0 | 10 |
| Maesteg | 13 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 126 | 555 | 14 | 0 | 3 |

## Anglo-Welsh club match

**Richmond 35 Cardiff 26**

Richmond: Tries: Pini 2, Dixon, White. Cons: Va'a 3. Pens: Va'a 3. Cardiff: Tries: Bough, L Davies, Sullivan. Cons: Burke 2. Pens: Burke 3. Att: 7,014

**Swansea 32 Harlequins 18**

Swansea: Tries: Rees 2, M Robinson. Con: A Thomas. Pens: A Thomas 4. Dropped goal: A Thomas. Harlequins: Tries: Halpin, Luger. Con: Liley. Pens: Liley 2.

## Tennent's Velvet Premiership

### First division

**Currie 19 Melrose 18**

Currie: Try: Donaldson. Con: Donaldson. Pens: Donaldson 4. Melrose: Tries: Smith, Watt. Con: S Ruthven. Pens: S Ruthven 2.

**Glasgow Hawks 12 Hawick 13**

Glasgow Hawks: Tries: C Dunlop, Horton. Con: Harris. Hawick: Try: Cook. Con: Murdie. Pens: Murdie 2

**Jed-Forest 9 Heriots FP 32**

Jed-Forest: Pens: C Richards 3. Heriots FP: Tries: S Taylor 2, Boswell, Ross. Cons: Ross 3. Pens: Ross 2.

**Stirling County 13 Boroughmuir 56**

Stirling County: Tries: Hogg, A Jamieson. Pen: Adamson. Boroughmuir: Tries: McLean 2, Clapperton, Fitzgerald, Graham, Henwood, Howarth, Knight. Cons: Howarth 5. Pens: Howarth 2.

**Watsonians 19 West of Scotland 27**

Watsonians: Tries: Di Rollo, Mallinson, Penalty. Cons: Threadgall 2. West of Scotland: Tries: Curtis 2, Duck. Cons: Curtis 3. Pens: Curtis 2.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | T | B | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Heriots FP | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 395 | 201 | 0 | 9 | 45 |
| Melrose | 11 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 332 | 175 | 0 | 8 | 40 |
| Glasgow H | 10 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 281 | 149 | 0 | 5 | 37 |
| Currie | 9 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 227 | 177 | 0 | 3 | 31 |
| Hawick | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 185 | 219 | 0 | 4 | 24 |
| Jed-Forest | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 200 | 243 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Watsonians | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 220 | 275 | 0 | 4 | 18 |
| B'ghmuir | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 209 | 273 | 0 | 5 | 13 |
| W Scotland | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 162 | 283 | 0 | 4 | 12 |
| Stirling C | 9 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 144 | 340 | 0 | 2 | 4 |

### Second division

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dundee HSFP | 25 | Aberdeen GSFP | 26 |
| Edinburgh A | 10 | Kelso | 3 |
| Gala | 31 | Biggar | 5 |
| Kilmarnock | 14 | Musselburgh | 8 |
| Selkirk | 19 | Kirkcaldy | 12 |

### Third division

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Glasgow S | 17 | East Kilbride | 25 |
| Glenrothes | 27 | Ayr | 20 |
| Gordonians | 28 | Berwick | 10 |
| Peebles | 36 | Stewarts Mel FP | 10 |
| Preston Lodge | 22 | Grangemouth | 11 |

## A I B League

### First division

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Clontarf | 34 | Buccaneers | 16 |
| Galwegians | 9 | Blackrock Col | 16 |
| St Marys | 10 | Lansdowne | 20 |

POSTPONED: Cork Constitution v Ballymena, Shannon v Garryowen Terenure v Young Munster

### Second division

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Derry | 11 | Sunday's Well | 16 |
| Dolphin | 9 | Old Crescent | 24 |
| Greystones | 11 | Old Belvedere | 18 |
| Old Wesley | 17 | Skerries | 15 |

POSTPONED: Ballynahinch v Dungannon, DLSP v Bective Rangers, Malone v Wanderers. Portadown v UCC

## European Cup Quarter-Finals

**Colomiers 23 Munster 9**

Colomiers: Tries: De Giusti, Peysson. *Cons: Labit 2. Pens: Labit 3. Munster*: Pens: K Keane 3. Att: 9,000

**Perpignan 34 Llanelli 17**

Perpignan: Tries: Bellot, Joubert, Laporte. Cons: Arandigua, D Camberabero. Pens: Bellot 3, D Camberabero 2. Llanelli: Try: D Williams. Pens: S Jones 4. Att: 10,000

**Stade Français 71 Pontypridd 14**

Stade Français: Tries: Dominguez 2, George, Gomes, Laussucq, Lousteau, Moni, Mostalo, Mytton, Pool-Jones. Cons: Dominguez 9. Pen: Dominguez. Pontypridd: Tries: Geraint P Lewis, Wyatt. Cons: Jenkins, Wyatt.

SEMI-FINALS DRAW: Colomiers v Perpignan; Ulster v Stade Français. Ties to be played on January 9/10

## European Shield Quarter-finals

**Bourgoin 29 Agen 19**

Bourgoin: Tries: 2 Penalty tries, Boyer, Tuni. Cons: McKenzie 3. Pen: Boyer. Agen: Try: Tolot. Con: Prosper. Pens: Laharrague 3, Prosper. Att: 6,000

**Brive 43 Caerphilly 12**

Brive: Tries: Bomati, Carbonneau, Dubosset, C Lamaison, Magne, Nepia, Vicard. Cons: C Lamaison 4. Caerphilly: Pens: Davey 4. Att: 4,000

**Montferrand 66 Dax 13**

Montferrand: Tries: Allison, Azam, Bory, Laurent-Varange, Lecomte, Marsh, Menieu, Merceron, Morante, Sarraute. Cons: Toulouze 3, Merceron 2. Pens: Toulouze 2. Dax: Try: M Dourthe. Con: Labeyrie. Pens: Labeyrie 2. Att: 3,900

**Narbonne 30 Pau 13**

*Narbonne: Tries: B Calvel 2*, Artaliaz, Benazech. Cons: Desclaux 2. Pens: Desclaux 2. Pau: Tries: Bonnemasou, Tunell. Pen: Aucagne

SEMI-FINALS DRAW: Bourgoin v Brive: Montferrand v Narbonne. Ties to be played on January 9/10

**Richard Evans** sees some lively exchanges in an auction of betting sites

# Bookmakers bid for perfect pitch

THERE was not a racehorse in sight at Sandown Park yesterday, but that did not stop Britain's bookmakers doing *millions of pounds worth of* business as the betting ring ushered in an era of unprecedented change.

For the first time, an auction took place where 330 individual betting pitches were offered for sale — and *the prices paid* for them far outweighed expectations with three prized positions in the betting ring at Cheltenham fetching £90,000, £95,000 and £105,000.

Given that a betting pitch *amounts to an area little more* than a yard square, which is only in use for up to 30 days a year, the prices paid — including £175,000 for five pitches in the north — must make them among the more expensive property acquisitions of recent times.

*Until now,* the betting ring has represented the last bastion of the closed shop, with newcomers having to wait upwards of 20 years to gain entry as pitches were handed down from father to son and only became available by the old system of 'dead men's shoes'.

But yesterday all that was swept away as bidding began *for the first of* 91 lots, which offered nine pitches at tracks including Newmarket, Goodwood, Ascot, Huntingdon and Yarmouth. After starting off at £20,000, auctioneer Henry Beeby eventually knocked down the package for £84,000 to Ernie Parsons, whose family owns ten betting shops in Hertfordshire.

"*I am a third generation off-*course bookmaker and it has been my ambition for years to take our business on to racecourses which, because of the system which existed, we were *unable to do.*" His successful bid immediately realised one of the objectives of the changes driven through by the Horserace Betting Levy Board last *year — to introduce fresh* blood into the betting ring. Similarly, a bid of £28,000 for a rails pitch at Cheltenham will see Sean Graham, Northern Ireland's biggest bookmaker, *grab a toe hold in England.*

Among the biggest spenders at the sale was Maurice Lindsay, the well-known rugby league administrator who *came within a whisker of* being appointed chairman of the Tote a few months ago. Apart from buying a rails position at Cheltenham for £28,000, he paid £175,000 for pitches at *Doncaster, Hay*dock Park and York.

The level of interest — and bids — was surprising given the gloom expressed by some *bookmakers offering pitches* for sale. Mickey Fletcher, better known as "The Asparagus Kid", is selling 36 racecourse pitches and believes 90 per cent of his on-course colleagues are struggling to survive.

Similarly, Stephen Little, one of the most fearless layers in the ring, is also selling up at *24 tracks. "I don't think I can* afford to carry on, competing with people who either don't have to win or can't win," said Little, who admitted to a six-figure loss this year.

The ring revolution followed seven *years of talks* and another 12 months of legal *wrangling* between bookmakers' organisations and racecourses, who wanted to drag the betting ring into the modern age and make it more customer friendly.

Richard Marriott, chairman of the National Joint Pitch Council, which runs the new system for the Levy Board, told the 900 bookmakers present: "Today is a day of *firsts. It is the first time a book*maker wishing to retire can get some value from a lifetime of hard work by himself, and often his father, in the ring.

"*It is the first time an estab*lished on-course bookmaker has had any hope of dramatically improving his position in the ring by getting a senior position he might never have got otherwise. And for the first *time bookmakers who have* been frustrated by long waiting lists have an opportunity to move into the ring."



JOHN GILES

Bookmakers' betting pitches, a popular feature of British racecourses, were offered for auction for the first time yesterday

**RICHARD EVANS**

Nap: DALCASSIAN KING (1.00 Plumpton)

Dalcassian King only faded inside the final quarter-mile on his British debut at Newbury recently and can continue Nicky Henderson's *excellent run.*

*Next best: River Unshion* (1.50 Newcastle)

## Newton Abbot called off

THE *meeting at Newton Ab*bot this afternoon has been abandoned because of waterlogging. It is the sixth National Hunt fixture to be called off this season.

Unsinkable Boxer, the high-class staying hurdler trained by Martin Pipe, had been *scheduled to make his fencing* debut on the card in the novices' chase. He will now run at Uttoxeter on Friday. The nine-year-old is only 14-1 with William Hill for the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup next March.

BOXING

## Armour unable to make new grade

By Srikumar Sen
*Boxing Correspondent*

JOHNNY ARMOUR was given a short, sharp lesson on Saturday when he was stopped in four rounds by Carlos Navarro, from the United States, the World Boxing Union (WBU) super-bantamweight champion. The Chatham boxer was the first to admit that he had made a mistake in stepping out of his division and class.

"I really thought I was going to win tonight," he said. "I'm surprised I lost and how quickly it was all over. These guys are too big for me on the night. I'll go back to bantamweight. I'm sure I could win a title at my own weight." Armour will be given the chance to box for the vacant WBU title early next year.

Only Armour's match-makers would have been more surprised than him at the ease with which Navarro destroyed *their man, who was unbeaten* in 24 contests and was European and Commonwealth champion.

They had not realised that the American, just 22, *is proba*bly the most exciting boxer in the world, coming as he does from the same stable as Shane Moseley, Oba Carr and Kevin Kelley. Navarro has won all of his 18 bouts, 15 of them inside *the distance,* and Tom Loffler, his manager, said that after one more contest with Danny Romero he will be ready to take on Naseem Hamed, Marco Antonio Barrera, Wayne McCullough or any other *super-bantamweight* or featherweight.

"He is probably as good a boxer as Oscar De La Hoya," Loffler said. "He has the tools *to beat Hamed now, but* we want to build up his name so he can command money".

Admittedly, Armour's style was tailor-made for Navarro, but *from* the way he put his punches together he reminded you of the great *Eusebio* Pedroza. He punished Armour with blows that had power and accuracy, particularly the uppercut.

*It was not surprising that* Dave Parris, the referee, came to Armour's rescue when the champion was beginning to move up a gear.

HOCKEY

## Southgate hold off challenge

By Sydney Friskin

THE top three teams, Canter*bury,* Cannock and Southgate, retained their positions in the National League premier division yesterday, Southgate holding off a spirited challenge by Teddington for a 3-2 victory at home.

Calum Giles got Southgate off to a promising start with a goal from a penalty stroke in the fifth *minute, and Woods* increased the lead from a *short* corner two minutes before half-time. Before the interval arrived, however, Gerraid scored for Teddington from a short corner, and *McGuire set up a chance for* Hauck to equalise five minutes into the second half.

Southgate increased their work rate, and got their reward when Livesey scored in the 51st minute.

*Bob Crutchley* scored four goals for Cannock, the title-holders, in a 6-0 home win over Bournville and Canterbury were equally dominant in their match *against* Brooklands, Humphries scoring a *hat-trick in* a 7-0 victory.

Reading, who were defeated 1-0 by Beeston on Saturday, were more composed yesterday when they defeated Guildford 5-0, *but remain in* sixth position.

A 1-1 draw with East Grinstead enabled Beeston to climb into fourth place, behind Southgate, *but the win* was marred by the sending-*off of* McBlane a minute before the end for dissent after being suspended earlier for a stick tackle. Thompson scored a hat trick for Old Loughtonians in a 5-1 victory over Hounslow.

East Grinstead, one place *off the foot of the table,* took their minds off their league position with a 4-2 win over Sheffield on Saturday *in the* postponed fourth round match of the EHA Men's Cup. They will now go on to meet Canterbury on January 17.

Doncaster went into the winter break at the top of the first division, ahead of Lewis and Barford Tigers on goal difference.

## PLUMPTON

THUNDERER

1.00 Santabless. 1.30 SCOBIE GIRL (nap). 2.00 Grosvenor. 2.30 Bhutan. 3.00 Potentate. 3.30 August Twelfth.

GOING: SOFT SIS

### 1.00 ARDINGLY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,793: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

1 3-01 LIMIT THE DAMAGE 12 (C,S) J Whyte 6-11-5 J Goldstein (5) 82
2 30-1 SANTABLESS 47 (G) M Pitman 5-11-5 N Williamson [illegible]
3 603- CLEAR WATER 245 P Winkworth 6-10-12 R Walsley 67
4 F1-4 DALCASSIAN KING 17 N Henderson 5-10-12 M A Fitzgerald 63
5 00-0 FRODON FLYER 56 J Gifford 4-10-12 P Hide –
6 -403 GO-ONMYSON 20 N Babbage 5-10-12 R Thornton 68
7 F1- QUETAL 245P (S) T Casey 5-10-12 T J Murphy –
8 0-5 SWIFT VENTURE 10 G Balding 6-10-12 F Keniry (7) –
9 3-14 BUCKSKIN CAMEO 24 (S) P Nicholls 5-10-7 J Tizzard –
10 63 JUST STEFFI 24 J Mullins 5-10-7 J Culloty –
11 NEWLANDS GIRL P Hedger 5-10-7 M Richards –
12 0P- NIGHT-MARE 263 L Wells 5-10-7 L Aspell –

10-11 Santabless, 5-1 Dalcassian King, 8-1 Buckskin Cameo, 12-1 Just Steffi, 14-1 Limit The Damage, Clear Water, Go-onmyson, 16-1 others.

### 1.30 OFFHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£3,306: 2m 5f) (10)

1 3P-3 KELLY MAC 28 (F,G,S) D O'Brien 8-11-10 A P McCoy 110
2 .101- STRONG STUFF 497 (F,G) M Pitman 8-11-8 J Osborne –
3 143- REGAL AURA 211 (CD,F,G,S) D O'Brien 8-11-4 W Marston 107
4 4-P2 RIVER BAY 11 (S) Miss H Knight 7-11-2 M A Fitzgerald 110
5 12-F SCOBIE GIRL 11 (BF,CD,S) J Mullins 8-10-12 J Culloty 104
6 6-U1 TREMALLT 17 (S) T George 7-10-12 T Jenks 92
7 PP-0 SHANAGORE WARRIOR 12 S Mellor 6-10-8 C Webb –
8 5P64 INDIAN RUN 10 (G,S) P Hodges 9-10-7 T Dascombe 76
9 3621 RUTH'S BOY 67 (CD,F,S) Mrs A Johnson 9-10-7 R Johnson 98
10 2236 ANOTHER COURSE 26 (G,S) C Mann 10-10-0 Mrs C Mann [illegible]

5-2 Tremallt, 9-2 Scobie Girl, 11-2 Kelly Mac, 7-1 Regal Aura, 8-1 Strong Stuff, River Bay, 10-1 Another Course, 12-1 others.

### 2.00 HARRY PYRAH MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,453: 3m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 212- MISS DISKIN 228 (D,G,S) R Buckler 9-12-0 B Powell 112
2 P-P5 JURASSIC CLASSIC 16 (CD,G,S) Mrs L Richards 11-11-4 M Richards –
3 /112 GROSVENOR 14 (BF,CD,S) P Nicholls 7-11-0 R Dunwoody 101
4 R-U1 WHIPPERS DELIGHT 12 (CD,G,S) G Charles-Jones 10-10-5 L Cummins (3) 118
5 -03U KILMINGTON 11 (F,G,S) J Gifford 9-10-5 P Hide [illegible]
6 3-1P BROOK BEE 45 (BF,CD,G,S) N Gaselee 6-10-0 D Leahy 121
7 F-PF PRIMITIVE PENNY 28 (G,S) Mrs D Haine 7-10-0 J Culloty –

7-4 Grosvenor, 5-2 Miss Diskin, 4-1 Whippers Delight, 8-1 Kilmington, Brook Bee, 16-1 Jurassic Classic, 33-1 Primitive Penny.

### 2.30 LAMBERT SMITH HAMPTON JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,513: 2m 1f) (10)

1 3 BHUTAN 16 Mrs M Reveley 11-3 J Osborne 75
2 P HELISMAD 6 M Haynes 11-3 C Maude –
3 KPOLO 34F B Johnson 11-3 D Gallagher –
4 MARK TIME 53F P Hedger 11-3 M Richards –
5 F42 SADLER'S SECRET 11 (B) M Pipe 11-3 A P McCoy [illegible]
6 0 TEMUJIN 11 D O'Brien 11-3 P Hide –
7 BOW BELLS 157F J Joseph 10-12 J Goldstein (5) –
8 GHOST PATH 131F R O'Sullivan 10-12 M A Fitzgerald –
9 LITTLE RISK 170F Mrs L Jewell 10-12 T Peoples (7) –
10 F MISS SCOOTER 17F M Muggeridge 10-12 D Creech (7) –

11-10 Bhutan, 9-4 Sadler's Secret, 8-1 Ghost Path, 12-1 Mark Time, 14-1 others.

### 3.00 YEAR'S END NOVICES CHASE (£3,144: 2m) (4)

1 14-1 ROYAL TOAST 13 (D,S) N Henderson 6-11-4 M A Fitzgerald 81
2 -236 CALVARO 14 J Gifford 7-10-12 L Aspell [illegible]
3 10-0 POTENTATE 37 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-10-12 A P McCoy –
4 4U-U SALISONG 30 (D,S) J Whyte 9-10-12 J Goldstein (5) 85

8-11 Potentate, 7-4 Royal Toast, 10-1 Calvaro, 16-1 Salisong.

### 3.30 LADBROKE LAST RACE HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,635: 2m 1f) (7)

1 3442 NESSUN DORO 11 (S) S Mellor 6-12-0 C Webb 92
2 4103 FRIDOLIN 13 (B,F) B Llewellyn 5-11-9 A P McCoy 101
3 0213 MULTI FRANCHISE 12 (CD,S) Mrs L Jewell 5-10-12 L Aspell 80
4 2134 ALMAPA 32 (D,F) R Hodges 6-10-11 R Dunwoody 88
5 30/0 CLASH OF SWORDS 14 (S) T Mccarthy 5-10-3 T J Murphy –
6 2P-0 AUGUST TWELFTH 14 (C,D,G,S) D O'Brien 10-10-8 M Batchelor (5) [illegible]
7 -045 DERISBAY 12 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Bridger 10-10-1 L Cummins (3) 104

11-4 Nessun Doro, 7-2 August Twelfth, 4-1 Fridolin, 5-1 Multi Franchise, 6-1 Almapa, 9-1 Derisbay, 20-1 Clash Of Swords.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Newcastle: 12.20 Hiding Place

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 29 winners from 63 runners, 46.0%. G Charles-Jones, 4 from 10, 40.0%. Miss H Knight, 10 from 27, 37.0%. N Henderson, 7 from 19, 36.8%. Mrs D Haine, 4 from 16, 25.0%. M Muggeridge, 5 from 20, 25.0%. P Hedger, 7 from 29, 24.1%.

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 36 winners from 104 rides, 34.6%. J Osborne, 7 from 32, 21.9%. M A Fitzgerald, 17 from 78, 21.8%. R Dunwoody, 12 from 65, 18.5%. M Richards, 10 from 58, 17.2%. M Batchelor, 7 from 52, 13.5%.

## NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

12.20 Ilahabad. 12.50 Finewood. 1.20 Kingennie. 1.50 River Unshion. 2.20 Woodfield Gale. 2.50 Menshaar. 3.20 Just Lizzie.

Timekeeper's top rating: 1.50 MASTER WOOD.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

### 12.20 NORTHERN RACING JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,274: 2m) (11 runners)

101 54041 RAJATI 21 (D,G) (A Bosley) A Streeter 11-5 T Eley [illegible]
102 0 ALWAYS TRYING 11 (C Bigley Partnership Ltd) M Hammond 10-12 B Harding –
103 P0 ASPRILLA 12 (Mrs C Bell) B Ellison 10-12 M H Naughton (5) –
104 60 DISCO TEX 16 (Mybank Racing) M W Easterby 10-12 F Leahy 62
105 0 HAPPY DAYS 72 (J Barratt) D Moffatt 10-12 D J Moffatt –
106 ILAHABAD 59F (Sir Peter O'Sullevan) J FitzGerald 10-12 P Niven –
107 KING'S HUSSAR 173F (Mrs S Moore) G M Moore 10-12 J Callaghan –
108 450 WYNBURY FLYER 12 (Mrs G Seymour) F Murphy 10-12 C O'Dwyer 13
109 66 HIDING PLACE 31 (V) (F Watson) W Storey 10-7 C McCormack (5) 47
110 NOCTURNE 21F (Uncle Jacks Pub) S Kettlewell 10-7 A Dobbin –
111 SECOND TERM 77F (Black Type Racing) W Storey 10-7 R McGrath –

BETTING: 2-1 Ilahabad, 5-1 Disco Tex, 6-1 Nocturne, 8-1 Rajati, King's Hussar, 12-1 Second Term, 14-1 Always Trying, Happy Days, Hiding Place, 16-1 others.

1997: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Rajati beat Welsh Mountain 2½l in 11-runner selling hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good), previously 7¾l 4th of 13 to Castanpleaty in novice handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, soft). Always Trying 54l 11th of 18 to Cool Performance in 3yo novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, good). Asprilla 47l 7th of 12 to Free In 3yo novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, good) with Happy Days (levels) 52l 8th and Wynbury Flyer (levels) 56l 10th. Disco Tex 26l 7th of 9 to Saintes in 3yo novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m, good to soft); previously 28l 6th of 10 to Panama House in 3yo novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good to soft). Ilahabad fairly useful middle-distance performer on the Flat in France. King's Hussar maiden staying handicapper on the Flat. Hiding Place beaten a distance 6th of 8 to Hunt Hill in 3yo novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m, good to soft); previously 25l 6th of 9 to Up The Clarets in 3yo novice hurdle at Hexham (2m, good to soft). Nocturne modest middle-distance performer on Flat.

ILAHABAD, bought for around £32,000 out of Alain de Royer Dupre's stable, can take a weak-looking race

### 12.50 BORDER MINSTREL NOVICES HURDLE (£2,421: 2m) (15 runners)

201 1 FINEWOOD 33 (D,S) (Finewood Joinery Products) J Jefferson 4-11-5 L Wyer [illegible]
202 /114/1 LORD LAMB 13 (CD,F,G,S) (A Sharratt) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-5 Mr A Dempsey (3) 103
203 50 AWASH 20 (Allerton Racing Club) M Hammond 4-10-12 B Harding 51
204 0 BIG ATOLL 23 (S Clarke) S Brookshaw 6-10-12 A Dobbin –
205 66 BILLY NOMAITE 44 (R Preston) Mrs S Smith 4-10-12 R Wilkinson (5) 37
206 /PP54- CHAIN LINE 218 (J Aynsley) J Aynsley 8-10-12 R McGrath 53
207 501-2F CHIEF WARDANCE 10 (D,F) (Mrs J Woodward) Mrs S Lamyman 4-10-12 R Farrant –
208 6 HIGH PYRENEES 13 (J Stephenson) F Murphy 6-10-12 C O'Dwyer 55
209 00-333 ROI DE LA CHASSE 19 (BF) (Hon Mrs M Faulkner) C Grant 5-10-12 R Supple 78
210 66-6 TELL ME ANOTHER 144 (J Wade) J Wade 6-10-12 A S Smith –
211 THE LAMBTON WORM 145F (G Allison) N Bycroft 4-10-12 M Foster –
212 00/ WINDYEDGE 597F (M Naughton) Mrs A Naughton 5-10-12 J Supple –
213 R0 BROADCAST 19 (Mrs R Wood) P Monteith 5-10-7 C McCormack (5) –
214 006-06 LAURENLUKE 12 (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 6-10-7 S Taylor 51
215 50-000 SHE'S ALL HEART 13 (D Griffiths) L Lungo 5-10-7 Mr B Gibson (7) 22

BETTING: 5-11 Lord Lamb, 7-2 Finewood, 12-1 Chief Wardance, Roi De La Chasse, 16-1 Chain Line, 20-1 Laurenluke, 25-1 Awash, Billy Nomaite, High Pyrenees, 33-1 others.

1997: ALPINE PANTHER 4-10-12 P Niven (9-4) Mrs M Reveley 12 ran

Finewood beat Teelie Bay 15l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 110yd, soft). Lord Lamb beat Tessajoe 2l in 19-runner novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m, soft) with High Pyrenees (7lb better off) 42l 6th and She's All Heart (7lb better off) 67l 12th. Awash 37l 7th of 10 to Saleel in amateur novice hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 5f 110yd, heavy), previously 24l 5th of 9 to Sandabar in novice hurdle at Perth (2m 110yd, firm). Big Atoll 83l 9th of 11 to Renzo in novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good to soft). Billy Nomaite 37l 6th of 12 to Farfields Prince in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). Chain Line 8l 4th of 13 to Thunderpoint in novice hurdle at Hexham (2m, good). Chief Wardance left in novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good); previously 8l 2nd of 12 to Mr Cool in national hunt flat race at Southwell (2m, good). Roi De La Chasse 5l 3rd of 10 to Hardacre in novice hurdle at Hexham (2m, heavy) with She's All Heart (levels) beaten a distance 7th, previously 22l 3rd of 10 to Trooper Tom in novice hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f, good). Laurenluke 15l 6th of 19 to John Bush in novice hurdle at Catterick (2m 3f, good), previously 55l 8th of 18 to Becca's Rose in national hunt flat race at Carlisle (2m 1f, soft).

LORD LAMB won in fine style on his hurdling bow and is one to follow

### 1.20 NEWCASTLE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,432: 2m 4f) (19 runners)

301 3-01 KINGENNIE 13 (CD,S) (Mrs J Niven) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-0 P Niven 71
302 F66-60 ANGRY NATIVE 61 (J Wade) J Wade 6-10-12 C McCormack (5) 34
303 6/0 BALLYMANA BOY 16 (K Flood) F Murphy 5-10-12 A Thornton 21
304 BIGNOYSE (Mrs V Ward) W Storey 5-10-12 J Callaghan –
305 /24-6F BOMBADIL 17 (P Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 5-10-12 R Farrant 66
306 0-0 CAMTEX CAPERS 39 (D Campbell) Mrs S Smith 6-10-12 R Wilkinson (5) –
307 624 CLASSIC BLUES 13 (Ham Ridgebrook Racing Partnership) T Carr 7-10-12 N Smith 66
308 000-0 COME AND RUN 13 (Winton Bloodstock Ltd) M W Easterby 4-10-12 F Leahy –
309 P06-20 GLOBAL LEGEND 12 (I Emmerson) I Emmerson 8-10-12 J Supple 65
310 10P-72 GUS BERRY 16 (S) (D Forster) D M Forster 5-10-12 R Guest 70
311 3 MICHATTIE 18 (S Clarke) S Brookshaw 7-10-12 A Dobbin –
312 0322-0 SETTING SUN 16 (Mrs J Waggott) N Waggott 5-10-12 A S Smith [illegible]
313 224 SMART BOY 11 (Marine Racing Syndicate) M Bielby 4-10-12 E Callaghan 75
314 4- TIME AFTER THYNE 275 (E Birkbeck) L Lungo 5-10-12 R Supple –
315 /50-00 WILLIAM OF ORANGE 18 (Special Reserve Racing) J Jefferson 6-10-12 L Wyer 35
316 400-B AQUARENA 9 (Mrs K Quinn) F Murphy 5-10-7 I Jardine (7) –
317 511-16 BECCA'S ROSE 26 (BF,S) (Three Celtics) F Murphy 5-10-7 C O'Dwyer –
318 CHARLOTTE'S MOSS (R McDonald) R McDonald 6-10-7 W Dowling (5) –
319 4002-0 OUR CAROL 23 (R Bainbridge) F Murtagh 6-10-7 B Harding 69

BETTING: 3-1 Kingennie, 5-1 Michattie, 6-1 Becca's Rose, 7-1 Classic Blues, 8-1 Smart Boy, 10-1 Gus Berry, 12-1 Global Legend, Setting Sun, 14-1 others.

1997: NOBLE NORMAN 6-10-12 P Niven (66-1) Mrs M Reveley 13 ran

Kingennie beat Almuttawakel? 6l in 13-runner novice hurdle at Newcastle (3m 4f, soft), previously 23l 7th of 14 to Buckskin Cameo in mares national hunt flat at Warwick (2m, soft). Ballymana Boy 74l 10th of 17 to Sir Bob in novice hurdle at Newcastle (3m, good to soft) with Setting Sun (levels) beaten a distance 12th. Bombadil fell in novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, soft); previously 19l 5th of 11 to Bo Dancer in novice hurdle at Hexham (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). Camtex Capers 41l 9th of 12 to Gentle Rhage in national hunt flat race at Haydock (2m, soft). Classic Blues 32l 4th of 19 to Lord Lamb in novice hurdle at Newcastle (2m, soft), previously 11l 2nd of 7 to Farfields Prince in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). Come And Run 43l 16th of 21 to Time of Flight in national hunt flat race at Newcastle (2m, soft). Global Legend 21l 8th of 19 to John Bush in novice hurdle at Catterick (2m 3f, good); previously 2½l 2nd of 8 to Thornaway House in maiden hurdle at Perth (2m 4f 110yd, good). Gus Berry 7l 2nd of 15 to Dwinabarrow in novice hurdle at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) with William Of Orange (levels) 40l 10th. Michattie 5l 3rd of 6 to Peterson House in novice hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, soft). Smart Boy 24l 4th of 11 to Burundi in novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, good), previously 3l 2nd of 7 to Siren Song in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m, heavy). Time After Thyne 16l 4th of 8 to Freelander in national hunt flat race at Ayr (2m, good to soft). Becca's Rose 26l 6th of 10 to Heart in mares novice hurdle at Haydock (2m, good to soft), previously beat Elegant City 5l in 18-runner national hunt flat race at Carlisle (2m 1f, soft). Our Carol 21l 7th of 14 to Meldrum Park in mares maiden hurdle at Catterick (2m 3f, good to firm); previously 2l 2nd of 16 to Into The Black in maiden hurdle at Sedgefield (3m 3f 110yd, good to soft).

KINGENNIE is the one to beat after her hurdling debut victory over track and trip

### 1.50 ST MODWEN HANDICAP CHASE (£3,436: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

401 2PP-P4 EASBY JOKER 16 (CD,F,G,S) (G Orchard) S Kettlewell 10-12-0 R Garritty 77
402 P11-43 CUTHILL HOPE 26 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs E Gilchrist) Mrs S Smith 7-11-11 R Wilkinson (5) 125
403 1/223- WEAVER GEORGE 387 (BF,D,F,G,S) (Regent Decorators) W Storey 8-11-11 R McGrath –
404 241U-4 BRIGHTER SHADE 18 (CD,F,G,S) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-10 P Niven 115
405 PP4111 MASTER WOOD 27 (D,G,S) (R Robinson) C Grant 7-11-1 C McCormack (5) [illegible]
406 35/P-P TIMBUCKTOO 44 (B,S) (Mrs P Gaild) J Oliver 11-11-0 B Storey –
407 F6-132 RIVER UNSHION 30 (D,F,G,S) (R Crake) J Howard Johnson 8-10-11 D Parker 125
408 316323 PARIAH 16 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Moller) M Todhunter 9-10-4 B Harding 128

BETTING: 5-2 Master Wood, 7-2 Cuthill Hope, 4-1 Brighter Shade, 5-1 River Unshion, 7-1 Weaver George, 10-1 Easby Joker, Pariah, 33-1 Timbucktoo.

1997: CORSTON JOKER 7-10-4 R Supple (evens fav) L Lungo 4 ran

Easby Joker 6¼l 4th of 10 to Ask Me Later in handicap chase at Newcastle (3m 4f, good to soft). Cuthill Hope 41l 3rd of 4 to River Lossie in handicap chase at Haydock (2m 4f, good to soft); previously 15l 4th of 7 to Golden Hello in handicap chase at Wetherby (2m, good). Weaver George 11l 3rd of 5 to Ballyline in handicap chase at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good); previously 7l 2nd of 3 to Speaker Weatherill in handicap chase at Newcastle (3m, good to firm). Brighter Shade 18l 4th of 9 to Betty's Boy in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 7f, soft). Master Wood beat Scotton Green neck in 6-runner novice chase at Wetherby (3m 1f, good to soft); previously beat Scotton Green 4l in 4-runner novice handicap chase at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good). River Unshion 3l 2nd of 6 to Chipped Out in handicap chase at Ayr (2m 4f, good to soft); previously 11l 3rd of 8 to Share Options in handicap chase at Market Rasen (3m 1f, heavy). Pariah 28l 3rd of 9 to Jamaro in handicap chase at Haydock (2m 4f, soft); previously 1½l 2nd of 7 to Tom Brodie in handicap chase at Ayr (2m, good to soft).

CUTHILL HOPE jumped poorly latest but has a good opportunity to make amends here

### 2.20 49'S EKBALCO HANDICAP HURDLE [SHOWCASE RACE] (£5,147: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

501 /226F- GREAT EASBY 142F (C,D,G,S) (D Batey) W Storey 8-12-0 R McGrath [illegible]
502 63-121 JAMAICAN FLIGHT 20 (F,G,S) (P Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 5-11-9 R Farrant 108
503 2013-3 CHARMING ADMIRAL 16 (B,S) (Mrs L Corbett) Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-6 J Supple 116
504 32-621 PALACEGATE KING 14 (C,D,S) (C Whitaker) A Whillans 9-11-2 I Jardine (7) 123
505 2/2P6- GROOVING 387 (F,G,S) (Mrs C Acheson) J Howard Johnson 9-10-11 A Thornton –
506 211/3/ FORBIDDEN TIME 658 (C,G,S) (Mrs J Pentherer) L Lungo 10-10-7 R Supple –
507 02-311 WOODFIELD GALE 31 (CD,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-6 Mr A Dempsey (3) 126
508 11/P02 CUMBRIAN MAESTRO 9 (S) (Cumbrian Industrials Ltd) T Easterby 5-10-0 L Wyer 98

Long handicap: Cumbrian Maestro 9-12.

BETTING: 5-2 Woodfield Gale, 3-1 Jamaican Flight, 7-2 Palacegate King, 8-1 Charming Admiral, Cumbrian Maestro, Great Easby, 12-1 Forbidden Time, Grooving.

1997: DOUBLE AGENT 4-10-3 P Carberry (2-1 fav) J Howard Johnson 5 ran

Great Easby fell in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 2f, good); previously 15l 6th of 13 to Nigel's Lad in handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 5f 110yd, good). Jamaican Flight beat Globe Runner ¾l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 5f 110yd, heavy); previously 2l 2nd of 3 to Simons Castle in handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m, good to soft). Charming Admiral 10l last of 3 to L'Opera in handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 3f, soft); previously 14l 3rd of 6 to Well Appointed in handicap hurdle at Kelso (2m 110yd, soft). Palacegate King beat Exalted 18l in 4-runner handicap hurdle at Kelso (2m 2f, heavy); previously 6l 2nd of 5 to Justin Mac in handicap hurdle at Kelso (2m 110yd, soft). Grooving 28l 6th of 12 to Gysart in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 110yd, good). Forbidden Time 14l 3rd of 6 to Sobs in handicap chase at Newcastle (2m 4f, good); previously beat Farmer's Hand 4l in 5-runner novice chase at Catterick (3m 1f 110yd, good). Woodfield Gale beat Joe Buzz neck in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Newcastle (2m 4f, good to soft); previously beat Castletown Count 11l in 15-runner maiden hurdle at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, soft). Cumbrian Maestro 7l 2nd of 10 to Once More For Luck in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good).

JAMAICAN FLIGHT promises to make a bold bid from the front

### 2.50 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,469: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

601 4/U3 BUFFS BOY 18 (A McLuckie) P Monteith 7-10-12 L Wyer 98
602 0P-P0P CARNAVEN 14 (R Brewis) Miss R Brewis 6-10-12 C McCormack (5) 43
603 321-32 GLENBOWER 16 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Watkinson) M Hammond 6-10-12 B Harding 117
604 0-4602 LEAP IN THE DARK 16 (D,F,S) (Mrs D Morris) Miss L Siddall 9-10-12 A Thornton –
605 16-352 MENSHAAR 18 (D,G,S) (Miss S Blumberg) L Lungo 5-10-12 R Supple [illegible]
606 /F34-F MR FRANGIPANI 33 (Ashleybank Investments Ltd) N Richards 7-10-12 A Dobbin –
607 2341-2 QUEENS BRIGADE 19 (D,S) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 6-10-12 B Storey 87
608 52-34 TALL TALE 44 (J Wade) J Wade 6-10-12 A S Smith 51
609 2122-B SISTER GALE 27 (S) (B Van Praagh) Mrs S Smith 6-10-7 G F Ryan (3) –

BETTING: 5-2 Glenbower, 11-4 Menshaar, 7-2 Queens Brigade, 6-1 Tall Tale, 10-1 Buffs Boy, 12-1 Mr Frangipani, 16-1 Sister Gale, 25-1 others.

1997: RADICAL CHOICE 6-10-12 B Storey (5-1) J Charlton 9 ran

Carnaven pulled up in novice chase at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, heavy), previously 56l 7th of 12 to Master Nova in novice chase at Newcastle (3m, good to soft). Glenbower beaten a distance 2nd of 5 to No Retreat in novice chase at Haydock (2m 4f, soft); previously 4½l 3rd of 6 to Ardent Scout in novice chase at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, soft). Leap In The Dark 11l 2nd of 7 to Ool Rambling in claiming hurdle at Haydock (2m 4f, soft). Menshaar 1¼l 2nd of 7 to Scotia Nostra in novice chase at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) with Buffs Boy (levels) 31l 3rd. Mr Frangipani fell in novice chase at Kelso (3m 1f, soft); previously 18l 4th of 14 to Dom Beltrano in novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110yd, soft). Queens Brigade 7l 2nd of 10 to Stash The Cash in novice chase at Hexham (2m 110yd, heavy), previously beat Hand Of Straw 4l in maiden hurdle at Hexham (2m 4f 110yd, soft). Tall Tale 43l 4th to Sniper in novice chase at Kelso (3m 1f, soft), previously 19l 3rd to Charley Lambert in novice chase at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). Sister Gale brought down in novice chase at Wetherby (3m 1f, good to soft); previously 32l 4th to Shanaragh in novice hurdle at Carlisle (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm).

QUEENS BRIGADE shaped well on his chasing bow and should do better still over this longer trip

### 3.20 GOSFORTH PARK HANDICAP HURDLE [TOTE TRIFECTA RACE] (£1,966: 2m) (10 runners)

1 254-11 DAN DE MAN 13 (CD,G,S) (D Pedlar Partnership) Miss L Siddall 7-12-4 T Siddall (5) 94
2 4324-3 RALLEGIO 13 (CD,G,S) (P Monteith) P Monteith 9-11-12 T Hagger (7) 97
3 413-60 KRIS GREEN 9 (C,G) (P Caird) L Lungo 4-11-9 R Supple 65
4 03-1P2 REVERSE CHARGE 14 (F) (G Harker) G A Harker 6-11-6 F Leahy [illegible]
5 551P-4 SWANDALE FLYER 164F (G) (A Carruthers) N Bycroft 6-11-0 B Grattan (5) [illegible]
6 064232 EXALTED 14 (F) (Railway-Lockmaben) T Cuthbert 5-10-13 B Harding 80
7 3-3064 GAELIC PROBE 19 (Probe Racing Syndicate) M Bielby 4-10-8 A Dobbin 82
8 2344-0 POLAR KING 8 (I Bray) C Thornton 5-10-8 L Wyer 87
9 -15813 JUST LIZZIE 19 (D,S) (G Nixon) R Nixon 5-10-4 C McCormack (5) 74
10 P/3-04 SOUNDS DEVIOUS 14 (E Waugh) A Whillans 5-10-3 N Horrocks (5) 101

BETTING: 5-2 Dan De Man, 9-2 Rallegio, 7-1 Reverse Charge, Exalted, 8-1 Just Lizzie, 10-1 others.

1997: DAN DE MAN 6-10-0 M Foster (8-1) Miss L Siddall 10 ran

Dan De Man beat Wynyard Lady 4l in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Newcastle (2m, soft) with Rallegio (8lb better off) 8l 3rd, Kris Green 14l 7th of 10 to Once More For Luck in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). Reverse Charge neck 2nd of 10 to Classical Dance in novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 110yd, heavy) with Sounds Devious (5lb better off) 4½l 4th. Swandale Flyer beaten a distance 4th of 5 to Kenof in handicap hurdle at Perth (2m 110yd, good to firm). Exalted 18l 2nd of 4 to Palacegate King in handicap hurdle at Kelso (2m 2f, heavy), previously 8½l 3rd of 9 to Valedictory in handicap hurdle at Carlisle (2m 1f, soft) with Sounds Devious (1lb worse off) beaten a distance 7th. Polar King 38l 12th of 15 to Aussie Bob in novice handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good), previously 31l 4th of 15 to Totem Fole in novice hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 5f 110yd, good). Just Lizzie 7½l 3rd of 8 to Erley in handicap hurdle at Hexham (2m, heavy) with Gaelic Probe (1lb better off) 15l 4th and Kris Green (3lb better off) 20l 6th.

DAN DE MAN, upped 8lb for his latest success, may still be ahead of the handicapper...

COURSE SPECIALISTS

| TRAINERS | Wins | Rnrs | % | JOCKEYS | Wins | Rnrs | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C Thornton | 5 | 14 | 35.7 | P Niven | 47 | 149 | 31.5 |
| Mrs M Reveley | 48 | 194 | 24.7 | M Foster | 7 | 37 | 18.9 |
| J Jefferson | 11 | 48 | 22.9 | R Garritty | 19 | 103 | [illegible] |
| S Kettlewell | 3 | 16 | 18.8 | R McGrath | 7 | 46 | 15.2 |
| F Murphy | 7 | 38 | 18.4 | A Dobbin | 18 | 133 | 13.5 |
| J FitzGerald | 10 | 56 | 17.9 | D Parker | 6 | 50 | 12.0 |

## LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS

TRAINERS

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | [illegible] | Level stakes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M Pipe | 77 | 50 | 46 | 2 | -17.55 |
| Mrs M Reveley | 50 | 40 | 36 | 3 | +13.68 |
| P Hobbs | 48 | 35 | 23 | 4 | -36.25 |
| P Nicholls | 47 | 44 | 17 | 4 | -6.24 |
| N Twiston-Davies | 28 | 26 | 17 | 2 | -10.57 |
| P Bowen | 26 | 21 | 19 | 4 | -17.98 |
| L Lungo | 24 | 15 | 10 | 4 | +12.94 |
| C Mann | 24 | 18 | 12 | 2 | +41.20 |
| D Nicholson | 24 | 27 | 26 | 2 | -40.78 |
| R Alner | 22 | 30 | 17 | 3 | -17.40 |
| J J O'Neill | 22 | 20 | 14 | 2 | +26.05 |
| Miss V Williams | 21 | 12 | 20 | 2 | +0.53 |
| G M Moore | 21 | 12 | 14 | 2 | -31.59 |
| N Henderson | 21 | 12 | 15 | 2 | -4.57 |
| K Bailey | 19 | 17 | 18 | 6 | -4.67 |
| Mrs S Smith | 19 | 15 | 24 | 9 | -12.75 |
| M Pitman | 16 | 7 | 14 | 6 | +42.84 |
| I Williams | 16 | 14 | 14 | 4 | -12.17 |
| Mrs J Pitman | 15 | 11 | 11 | 9 | +33.70 |

JOCKEYS

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | [illegible] | Level stakes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A P McCoy | 79 | 45 | 36 | 2 | -64.48 |
| R Johnson | 64 | 61 | 70 | 10 | -64.50 |
| R Dunwoody | 53 | 30 | 24 | 6 | -6.75 |
| N Williamson | 45 | 29 | 32 | 7 | +27.13 |
| M A Fitzgerald | 44 | 35 | 30 | 1 | -8.46 |
| T J Murphy | 42 | 29 | 18 | 2 | +152.41 |
| C Llewellyn | 41 | 43 | 35 | 0 | -69.02 |
| W Marston | 38 | 34 | 20 | 0 | +4.16 |
| J Tizzard | 33 | 37 | 19 | 10 | -49.57 |
| A Dobbin | 31 | 30 | 21 | 5 | -50.37 |
| A Maguire | 30 | 24 | 25 | 0 | -52.39 |
| S Durack | 29 | 24 | 31 | 10 | -76.30 |
| L Wyer | 27 | 16 | 13 | 3 | -31.52 |
| R Supple | 24 | 17 | 16 | 3 | -11.44 |
| A Thornton | 23 | 28 | 24 | 5 | -27.85 |
| C Maude | 22 | 16 | 25 | 1 | -44.13 |
| R Walsley | 21 | 24 | 13 | 3 | +47.23 |
| P Niven | 21 | 24 | 16 | 8 | +3.94 |
| B Fenton | 19 | 22 | 21 | 1 | -58.60 |

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## SATURDAY'S RESULTS

### Cheltenham

Going: good

**12.45** (2m 4f hdle) 1, **Lady Rebecca** (R Farrant, 2-1); 2, Zafarabad (7-4 fav); 3, Rainbow Frontier (9-4). 6 ran. 12l, 19l. Miss V Williams. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £1.70. DF: £2.50. CSF: £5.23.

**1.20** (2m 110yd ch) 1, **Flying Instructor** (J Osborne, 2-11); 2, Ashwell Boy (2-1); 3, Nashville Star (33-1). Or Royal 7-4 fav (4th). 4 ran. 15l, 27l. P Webber. Tote: £2.80. DF: £2.60. CSF: £5.64.

**1.55** (2m 5f ch) 1, **King Of Sparta** (J Osborne, 7-1); 2, Scoba Nostra (4-1); 3, Village King (100-30). Mister Morose evens fav (f). 5 ran. ¾l, 8l. J Portman. Tote: £8.60; £1.60, £1.70. DF: £14.20. CSF: £27.89.

**2.30** (3m 5f ch) 1, **Northern Starlight** (A P McCoy, 15-2); 2, Simply Dashing (11-2); 3, Mr Strong Gale (9-1). Stormy Passage 7-2 fav. 13 ran. ¾l, 7l. M Pipe. Tote: £8.40; £2.30, £2.80, £3.50. DF: £15.70. Trifecta: £493.00. CSF: £38.51. Tricast: £340.56.

**3.05** (2m 1f hdle) 1, **Relkeel** (A Maguire, 8-1); 2, Grey Shot (5-2); 3, Midnight Legend (14-1). Dato Star (f) 11-8 fav. 5 ran. NR: Kerawi. ¾l, 9l. D Nicholson. Tote: £6.50; £2.70, £1.40. DF: £10.50. CSF: £25.71.

**3.40** (3m 110yd hdle) 1, **Bosuns Mate** (C Llewellyn, 9-2); 2, Irish Banker (8-11 fav); 3, Radiation (5-1). 6 ran. 3l, dist. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £1.40. DF: £2.40. CSF: £7.69.

**Jackpot: not won (pool of £11,741.31 carried forward to Newcastle today).**

**Placepot: £158.60. Quadpot: £26.90.**

### Doncaster

Going: good (good to firm in places)

**12.00** 1, **Sikander A Azam** (6-4 jt-fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Prince Baber (6-4 jt-fav); 3, Protocol (25-1). 10 ran.

**12.35** 1, **Inn At The Top** (7-4); 2, No More Hassle (13-8 fav); 3, Grain D'Estruval (5-2). 5 ran.

**1.10** 1, **Effectual** (4-5 fav); 2, Zaralaska (7-2); 3, New Inn (9-2). 5 ran.

**1.40** 1, **Lord Of The West** (10-1); 2, Boots Maddon (4-1 fav); 3, Cab On Target (7-1). 10 ran. NR: Class of Ninetytwo, Father Sky.

**2.10** 1, **Aizoomo** (33-1); 2, Contrafire (8-1); 3, Jennie's Prospect (10-1). Blown Wind 6-1 jt-fav. 14 ran.

**2.40** 1, **Philip's Woody** (3-1); 2, Wayward King (11-10 fav); 3, Cumbrian Challenge (7-2). 4 ran. NR: Potters Bay.

**3.15** 1, **Brown Lad** (9-2); 2, Forever Noble (14-1); 3, Tessajoe (8-15 fav). 10 ran.

### Haydock Park

Going: soft

**12.40** 1, **Marigliano** (2-1 fav); 2, Norman Conquest (7-1); 3, Eponine (3-1). 5 ran.

**1.15** 1, **Lasshik** (11-4); 2, Subtle Influence (7-2); 3, Orsuno (7-4 fav). 9 ran.

**1.45** 1, **Native Field** (4-1); 2, Palace Of Gold (2-1 fav); 3, Smith Too (3-1). 5 ran.

**2.15** 1, **Bamageera Boy** (3-1 fav); 2, Konvekta King (100-30); 3, Mr Conductor (3-1 jt-fav). 7 ran.

**2.45** 1, **Suny Bay** (4-11 fav); 2, Earth Summit (5-1); 3, The Grey Monk (11-1). 5 ran.

**3.15** 1, **Churchtown Glen** (9-1); 2, Robbo (9-2); 3, Badge Of Fame (7-2). Sadlers Realm 15-8 fav. 6 ran.

### Lingfield Park

Going: soft (heavy in places)

**12.15** 1, **Siren Song** (11-8 fav); 2, Tickerty's Gift (3-1); 3, Mister Rm (9-2). 5 ran. NR: Mim-Lou-And.

**12.50** 1, **Executive King** (11-2); 2, Lord Of The River (6-5 fav); 3, See Enough (25-1). 5 ran.

**1.20** 1, **Hors La Loi III** (6-11 fav); 2, Wave Rock (12-1); 3, Mothers Help (9-1). 9 ran.

**1.50** 1, **River Lossie** (13-8 fav); 2, Druid's Brook (3-1); 3, Oban (7-2). 5 ran. NR: Stay Lucky.

**2.20** 1, **Barneys Bell** (4-1); 2, Playford (8-1); 3, Amothebambo (12-1). Prussian Steel 3-1 fav. 15 ran.

**2.55** 1, **Kadou Nonantais** (11-4); 2, Cerlingford Gale (11-4); 3, Scavo (2-1 fav). 6 ran.

**3.30** 1, **Lady Marlow** (15-2); 2, Corans Grove (2-1 fav); 3, Kentford Busy B (25-1). 7 ran.

### Wolverhampton

Going: standard

**7.00** 1, **Ronquista D'Or** (13-1); 2, Roma (16-1); 3, Count De Money (3-1 fav). 11 ran. NR: Dalwhinnie.

**7.30** 1, **Miss Take** (17-2); 2, Doomed (5-4 fav); 3, Gold Honor (11-2). 7 ran.

**8.00** 1, **Failed To Hit** (8-1); 2, Be Warned (3-1 fav); 3, Mazzed (14-1). 13 ran.

**8.30** 1, **Eurolink Moussaka** (5-1); 2, Dryad (5-1); 3, Naved Oat (6-4 fav). 10 ran.

**9.00** 1, **Nouflet** (4-6 fav); 2, Evezio Rufo (6-1); 3, Katie's Cracker (10-1). 9 ran. NR: Almenaim, Cry For Freedom, Jarada.

**9.30** 1, **Pride Of Brixton** (9-1); 2, Elway Prince (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Theatre Magic (5-1); Blue Kite 5-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. NR: Basanta.

# Capitalisation, week's change

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5,753.80 | Allied Domecq† | 550 | + 40 | 4.6 | 14.4 |
| 172.10 | Bulmer (HP) | 335 | - 19 | 5.8 | 14.3 |
| 8.75 | Burn Stewart | 14½ | - | ... | ... |
| 33,315.40 | Diageo | 645½ | + 18 | 3.1 | 19.5 |
| 93.50 | Glenmorangie A | 687½ | ... | 2.6 | 18.8 |
| 344.00 | Highland Distl | 257½ | + 18½ | 4.6 | 11.8 |
| 214.20 | Matthew Clark | 242 | + ... | 6.7 | 8.2 |
| 7.55 | Morrison W | 28½ | + 2 | ... | ... |
| 3,497.30 | SA Breweries† | 978½ | + 50 | 3.5 | 14.4 |

## BANKS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16,638.60 | ABN-AMRO | 1165½ | + 12½ | 3.5 | 13.0 |
| 16,529.70 | Abbey Ntl | 1169 | - 17 | 3.4 | 17.2 |
| 4,917.30 | Alliance & Leic | 842 | - 50 | 3.3 | 15.9 |
| 8,077.00 | Allied Irish | 939 | + 18 | 2.1 | 26.2 |
| 6,114.40 | Aus New Z | 397½ | + 18½ | 5.0 | ... |
| 25,128.70 | Bank America | 3561½ | | | |
| 7,885.90 | Bank Scotland | 637½ | - 42 | 2.0 | 18.0 |
| 18,444.60 | Barclays | 1228 | - 82 | 4.0 | 11.3 |
| 6,383.00 | Bk of Ireland | 1243 | + 48 | 2.5 | 20.4 |
| 10,077.00 | CommerzbA | 2484½ | + 25 | 2.2 | ... |
| 12,072.00 | Dai Ichi Kan Y | 367½ | | 1.1 | ... |
| 17,256.50 | Deutsche Bk | 3331½ | - 231½ | 2.0 | ... |
| 487.90 | Espirito Santo | 1171½ | | 3.2 | ... |
| 7,200.50 | Fuji Bank Y | 249½ | + 4½ | 1.8 | ... |
| 13,748.30 | HSBC | 1557 | - 17 | 4.2 | 14.2 |
| 26,558.10 | HSBC HK | 1483 | - 22 | 4.5 | 13.4 |
| 20,753.30 | Halifax | 849½ | - 14½ | 3.6 | 23.3 |
| 827.40 | Irish Perm | 880 | + 50 | 1.8 | 25.5 |
| 42,059.20 | Lloyds TSB | 774 | + 4 | 3.0 | 22.2 |
| 13,318.90 | Nat Aust Bk | 939½ | + 47 | 4.2 | ... |
| 17,729.20 | Nat West | 1044½ | - 23½ | 4.0 | 17.9 |
| 2,450.90 | Northern Rock | 552 | - 3 | 2.5 | 18.5 |
| 7,871.20 | Ryl Bk Scot | 911 | - 41 | 3.4 | 12.8 |
| 8,260.60 | Stand Chart | 605 | + 9½ | 3.9 | 10.6 |
| 14,051.70 | Wells Fargo | 2164½ | | 1.9 | ... |
| 7,420.60 | Westpac | 391½ | + 18½ | 2.0 | ... |
| 5,432.30 | Woolwich | 344½ | - 24½ | 3.8 | 16.6 |

## BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 52.40 | Ann Street Grp† | 286 | ... | 5.4 | 8.6 |
| 6,407.80 | Bass | 805 | - 13 | 4.8 | 15.5 |
| 12.80 | Bat for the Gd | 38 | ... | 8.6 | 12.4 |
| 32.30 | Burtonwd Brw | 155½ | - 3 | 5.2 | 9.8 |
| 134.00 | City Centre Rest | 69 | ... | 5.6 | 10.6 |
| 4,481.70 | Compass Gp | 682 | + 37 | 0.8 | 38.1 |
| 45.00 | Eldridge P A | 183½ | + 1 | 4.3 | 9.0 |
| 240.50 | Enterprise Inns† | 357½ | + 6½ | 2.9 | ... |
| 67.20 | Frith Sm A | 470 | ... | 3.1 | 12.7 |
| 979.10 | Greenalls Grp | 330 | - 10 | 6.9 | 7.5 |
| 326.10 | Greene King | 535½ | - ½ | 4.5 | 8.3 |
| 48.20 | Groupe Chez Ge | 225½ | + 5½ | 2.1 | 14.4 |
| 45.30 | Hardy Hanson | 226½ | - 1 | 6.5 | 9.6 |
| 43.50 | Holt J | 1552½ | - 30 | 5.4 | 7.5 |
| 30.70 | Inn Business | 38½ | - 3 | 5.8 | 5.3 |
| 150.40 | Mansfield† | 230 | - 1½ | 4.4 | 8.9 |
| 272.80 | Morton Trappt | 298½ | + 4½ | 3.9 | 13.3 |
| 118.20 | Morland | 357½ | - 2½ | 5.0 | ... |
| 103.30 | Old Eng Pub | 264½ | - 20½ | 1.7 | 15.5 |
| 1.43 | Paramount | 12 | - 4½ | ... | 60.5 |
| 536.00 | PizzaExpress | 809 | - 44 | 0.7 | 30.2 |
| 13.20 | Ramadans (H) | 127½ | - 12½ | 4.5 | 14.5 |
| 91.90 | Regent Inns | 102½ | - 1 | 4.5 | 8.7 |
| 80.60 | SFI | 135 | - 6½ | 1.1 | 17.1 |
| 4,185.00 | Scot & New | 675 | - 71 | 4.5 | 12.8 |
| 23.10 | Stag & Lettuce | 162½ | - 13 | 4.9 | 20.4 |
| 348.60 | Vaux Group | 237½ | + 6 | 5.9 | 9.8 |
| 395.40 | Wetherspoon JD | 200½ | - 7 | 1.4 | 20.2 |
| 3,534.80 | Whitbread† | 717 | - 48 | 4.6 | 12.6 |
| 235.90 | Wolvrhmptn D | 426½ | ... | 6.2 | 8.2 |
| 203.80 | Yates Bros | 317½ | ... | 1.5 | 17.9 |
| 15.60 | Young A† | 640 | ... | 3.2 | 20.0 |

## BUILDING MATERIALS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 858.90 | Aggregate Inds | 70¼ | + 4½ | 2.9 | 21.3 |
| 194.50 | Anglian Group | 210 | - 5½ | 6.2 | 10.0 |
| 1,087.60 | BPB† | 210 | + 12 | 5.3 | 9.4 |
| 32.30 | Baggeridge Brk | 78½ | + 1 | 5.7 | 8.5 |
| 10.30 | Blockleys† | 41½ | - 3½ | 1.4 | ... |
| 2,458.50 | Blue Circle | 316 | + 10½ | 4.7 | 11.1 |
| 22.50 | Breedon PLC | 81½ | ... | 9.2 | 8.7 |
| 3,937.70 | CRH | 1025 | + 106 | 1.1 | 25.5 |
| 3.27 | Cakebread Rby | 54½ | ... | 8.7 | 4.6 |
| 50.80 | Cape | 93½ | ... | 9.0 | 7.3 |
| 412.80 | Caradon | 88½ | ... | 11.5 | 7.2 |
| 168.30 | Caradon pl | 93½ | - 1 | 9.7 | ... |
| 3.91 | Chelsea Gp | 45½ | - 2 | 11.8 | 3.3 |
| 14.60 | Dyson (J&J) | 70½ | - 4 | 10.7 | 5.6 |
| 17.60 | Ennstone | 38½ | ... | ... | 24.2 |
| 26.70 | Eponia | 121½ | ... | 10.5 | 6.5 |
| 2.38 | Gibbs & Dandy | 132½ | ... | 3.9 | 10.3 |
| 173.40 | Graham Grp | 124 | - 4 | 6.3 | 10.5 |
| 55.70 | Halstead (J) | 179 | - 1 | 7.2 | 10.0 |
| 3,082.10 | Hanson | 473 | + 35½ | 3.2 | 14.9 |
| 384.70 | Hepworth† | 158 | ... | 7.1 | 44.4 |
| 34.70 | Hewetson | 186½ | + 54 | 5.4 | 8.9 |
| 174.70 | Heywd Wlm | 212½ | + 1½ | 8.1 | 7.4 |
| 270.40 | Ibstock | 58 | - ½ | 5.0 | 11.5 |
| 32.40 | Johnston† | 302½ | + 17½ | 5.1 | 10.9 |
| 15.20 | Jubilee | 87½ | ... | 8.6 | 13.2 |
| 354.70 | Marley | 122 | - ½ | 6.4 | 8.5 |
| 163.30 | Marshalls | 130½ | - 1 | 3.8 | 7.9 |
| 572.20 | Meyer Int† | 356½ | + 6½ | 4.7 | 18.8 |
| 94.70 | Norcros† | 57 | - 2 | 4.2 | 9.8 |
| 642.70 | Pilkington† | 58 | - 2½ | 8.5 | 44.8 |
| 15.80 | Pillington | 8 | - 1½ | ... | 2.8 |
| 186.70 | Polypipe | 112 | - 2 | 4.4 | 8.1 |
| 2,278.50 | RMC Gp | 850 | + 45 | 4.2 | 12.4 |
| 41.70 | Rebcomb | 86½ | - ½ | 7.1 | 9.4 |
| 574.60 | Rugby Group | 89½ | + 1 | 5.8 | 10.1 |
| 17.10 | Russell (A) | 68½ | ... | 5.7 | 8.8 |
| 152.30 | SIG | 129 | - 6 | 7.8 | 8.4 |
| 4.21 | SMP | 1½ | + ... | ... | ... |
| 37.30 | Sharpe & Fisher | 163½ | ... | 5.0 | 9.8 |
| 30.80 | Spring Ram | 6¼ | ... | 3.6 | 8.7 |
| 1,074.20 | Tarmac | 102 | - 3½ | 8.4 | 12.2 |
| 9.79 | Titon | 88 | + 16 | 8.5 | ... |
| 401.30 | Tyco Paints | 289½ | - 16½ | 3.7 | 11.0 |
| 6.49 | Tudor | 59½ | - ½ | 7.5 | 5.7 |
| 229.70 | Ultraframe | 247½ | + 10 | 2.8 | ... |
| 2,120.10 | Wolseley† | 370 | - 6 | 4.2 | 11.3 |

## CHEMICALS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 233.80 | Albright & Wil | 74½ | + 1 | 8.6 | 5.8 |
| 20.00 | Acolas Ind | 128 | ... | 5.0 | 18.8 |
| 46.40 | Amberley Gp | 60 | - 4 | 4.0 | 8.7 |
| 27.90 | Allied Col† | 60½ | ... | 1.3 | 9.9 |
| 13,227.20 | BASF DM | 2140½ | - 48½ | 3.5 | ... |
| 4,195.60 | BOC | 858 | - 15 | 4.1 | 46.8 |
| 635.20 | BTP | 355 | + 18½ | 4.1 | 18.7 |
| 13.80 | Banner Chemt | 10½ | + 1 | 14.3 | 4.7 |
| 17,090.20 | Bayer DM50 | 2389½ | - 9½ | 2.6 | ... |
| 95.60 | Brigpins | 131½ | - 42 | 2.8 | 8.8 |
| 20.40 | Brent Chems | 74½ | - 9½ | 4.2 | 18.4 |
| 468.40 | Bt Vita | 208½ | ... | 5.4 | 8.8 |
| 1,989.00 | Burmah Castrl† | 932½ | + 57½ | 2.9 | 14.0 |
| 87.00 | Camberg (M) | 295 | ... | 4.8 | 14.7 |
| 98.60 | Cay Technology | 392½ | ... | 3.3 | ... |
| 303.00 | Croda | 222½ | - 13½ | 4.7 | 12.7 |
| 67.00 | Doeflex | 379 | ... | 3.0 | 14.9 |
| 336.50 | Elementis | 78 | - 3 | 2.6 | 10.1 |
| 271.40 | Ellis & Everard | 213½ | - 1½ | 6.2 | 8.7 |
| 26.40 | Euro Colour† | 57½ | ... | 5.6 | 9.3 |
| 84.50 | Hickson† | 48 | - 1½ | 3.3 | 7.1 |
| 13,786.60 | Hoechst | 2346½ | - 205½ | 2.4 | ... |
| 4,220.20 | ICI | 580½ | + 34½ | 5.5 | 23.1 |
| 338.30 | Kalon | 92 | + 3½ | 8.4 | 15.4 |
| 831.10 | Laporte | 426 | - 41½ | 6.1 | 8.6 |
| 13.90 | Macclefield | 39½ | - 5 | 8.2 | 3.4 |
| 4.56 | Mckecnerl | 19 | - ½ | 9.4 | 5.0 |
| 37.60 | Porvair | 144 | - 1½ | 5.6 | 8.0 |
| 251.00 | Scapa | 104½ | - 1 | 7.3 | 7.5 |
| 18,735.10 | Solvay Chem | 2131½ | - 12½ | 8.5 | 44.5 |
| 135.10 | Victrex | 172½ | - 15 | 3.9 | ... |
| 38.90 | Wolstenholme R | 480 | - 10 | 7.2 | 7.4 |
| 51.50 | Yorks Grp | 112½ | - 5 | 10.7 | 9.2 |
| 444.60 | Yule Catto | 288½ | + 32 | 4.5 | 11.8 |

## CONSTRUCTION

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11.80 | AAF Inds | 51½ | ... | ... | 6.6 |
| 77.50 | Abbey | 280 | ... | 5.0 | 6.8 |
| 128.60 | Allen | 298½ | - 1½ | 5.6 | 18.8 |
| 367.80 | Amec† | 176½ | + 3½ | 3.8 | 14.5 |
| 217.90 | Ardco | 741 | + 51 | 1.9 | 20.0 |
| 128.80 | Andrews Sykes | 157½ | ... | 2.5 | 14.7 |
| 480.30 | Aukett | 159½ | + 1 | 1.8 | 18.7 |
| 15.10 | Avonside | 37 | ... | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| 41.60 | Baird | 29½ | + 4 | 6.5 | 6.6 |
| 542.60 | Barratt Devs | 232½ | + 23 | 5.4 | 8.6 |
| 479.70 | Beazer | 167½ | + 4½ | 5.4 | 8.4 |
| 312.20 | Bellway | 288½ | + 1 | 4.5 | 7.4 |
| 5.41 | Ben Bailey | 51½ | ... | 8.1 | 5.8 |
| 531.10 | Berkeley Gp | 421½ | - 18½ | 3.1 | 7.1 |
| 20.40 | Bett Bros | 136 | + 1 | 7.1 | 5.8 |
| 45.20 | Boot (Henry) | 178 | + 5 | 6.4 | 6.2 |
| 232.80 | Bovis Homes | 206½ | + 12½ | 5.7 | 8.3 |
| 7.95 | Britannia Grp | 35 | ... | 8.7 | 5.3 |
| 231.30 | Bryant | 79½ | - 4½ | 8.3 | 8.1 |
| 44.30 | CALA | 83½ | + 1 | 5.9 | 5.6 |
| 11.60 | Clarke T | 94½ | ... | 8.7 | 5.7 |
| 60.70 | Costain | 18 | | | |
| 62.80 | Countryside | 81 | + 7½ | 5.2 | ... |
| 102.20 | Crest Nicholson | 67 | - 1½ | 5.2 | 6.4 |
| 12.70 | Denmans | 71½ | - 4½ | 8.1 | 4.6 |
| 25.70 | Eve Group | 288 | + 29 | 3.3 | 12.3 |
| 165.40 | Fairview Hldgs | 99½ | + 13 | 5.5 | 6.5 |
| 19.20 | Galliford | 17½ | ... | 7.9 | 7.4 |
| 91.10 | Gleeson (M&J) | 796 | - 2 | 3.2 | 18.5 |
| 8.18 | Havelock Europ | 32½ | ... | 18.3 | 4.0 |
| 360.30 | Hewden-Stuart | 132 | ... | 3.6 | 14.5 |
| 13.80 | Howard Hldgs | 31 | - 2½ | 0.8 | ... |
| 730.40 | Jarvis | 568 | - 47 | 1.9 | 18.3 |
| 111.80 | Keller | 287½ | + 2½ | 3.4 | 12.4 |
| 68.00 | Kier | 249½ | - 4½ | 4.8 | 8.3 |
| 125.40 | Laing (J) | 271½ | - 6 | 4.9 | 18.3 |
| 42.80 | Laing J A Cv Pf | 105½ | - 2½ | 7.5 | ... |
| 7.29 | Lovell (YJ) | 9½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 32.50 | Mansfield (J) | 209½ | ... | 3.8 | 12.1 |
| 140.60 | McAlpine (A) | 151 | - 1 | 7.3 | 7.1 |
| 135.20 | McCarthy & St | 134 | + 3 | 4.2 | 7.8 |
| 27.00 | McInerney | 107½ | - 69 | 1.2 | 12.2 |
| 64.80 | Morgan Sindall | 193 | - 1 | 3.6 | 8.3 |
| 218.40 | Mowlem Const | 325½ | ... | 2.3 | 15.5 |
| 168.70 | Newton (JT) | 94½ | ... | 6.0 | 8.4 |
| 282.30 | Persimmon | 158 | - 2½ | 8.0 | 6.8 |
| 34.40 | Pochin | 87 | - 4½ | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| 21.80 | Prowting | 101½ | - 5 | 4.3 | 12.0 |
| 60.10 | Redrow | 86½ | - 3 | 6.8 | 5.0 |
| 389.20 | Rothey | 173½ | + 6 | 2.9 | 11.1 |
| 45.40 | Spandex | 317½ | ... | 1.5 | 18.3 |
| 28.50 | Swan Ind | 41 | - 2½ | 8.7 | 6.6 |
| 31.70 | Tay Homes | 108½ | ... | 8.0 | 7.3 |
| 684.20 | Taylor Woodrw | 151½ | ... | 3.4 | 9.9 |
| 280.70 | Tilbury Dougls | 220 | - 4½ | 5.6 | 12.8 |
| 10.20 | Try Group | 14½ | ... | 8.1 | 4.5 |
| 27.00 | Vibroplant | 32½ | ... | 8.9 | 27.6 |
| 12.60 | Westbury | 58½ | ... | 6.4 | 7.1 |
| 13.40 | Ward Hldgs | 48½ | ... | 10.8 | ... |
| 299.90 | Westbury† | 203½ | ... | ... | 8.3 |
| 19.40 | Wiggins | 10½ | ... | ... | 18.5 |
| 367.30 | Wilcon (C) | 134 | - 13½ | 6.7 | 7.2 |
| 428.70 | Wilson Bowdn | 512½ | - 2½ | 3.2 | 9.4 |
| 408.00 | Wimpey G | 112 | + 1½ | 6.5 | 7.7 |

## DISTRIBUTORS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22.10 | Acton Co Sch | 222½ | + 12 | 7.7 | ... |
| 5.81 | Ageos & Hnunyt | 75½ | - 5 | 15.6 | 3.4 |
| 3.80 | Alexanders | 14½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 8.95 | Austin Ens | 4½ | ... | ... | 18.3 |
| 44.30 | BSS Group | 335½ | ... | 9.1 | 8.2 |
| 40.40 | Boyds Wholesl | 5 | - 1 | 7.8 | 7.4 |
| 3.32 | Bristol Pouwn | 9 | ... | ... | ... |
| 4.77 | Bugut A | 32½ | ... | 4.5 | ... |
| 18.20 | Brammer | 347½ | + 15½ | 6.4 | 7.8 |
| 3.38 | Brewsten Gp | 2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 3.02 | Bst Fittings | 76 | + 2 | 8.4 | 7.6 |
| 8.96 | Cithos | 27½ | ... | 6.4 | 9.4 |
| 3.98 | Co Rrcer | 9½ | ... | ... | 3.7 |
| 3.96 | Coutthe | 123 | - 5 | 4.5 | 7.9 |
| 6.29 | Coun (EC) | 6½ | ... | 11.5 | 6.8 |
| 8.98 | Diversey Bins | 183½ | + 3½ | 6.9 | 5.0 |
| 8.86 | Dorbens B | 182 | ... | 3.7 | 6.7 |
| 8.69 | Dunkal | 179½ | + 14½ | 10.7 | ... |
| 8.38 | Electrocomponents | 325½ | - 21½ | 3.2 | 19.7 |
| 38.69 | Euratia Elec | 95½ | + 1½ | 7.3 | 11.0 |

## DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 259.30 | Antofagasta | 186 | - 6½ | 4.2 | 10.9 |
| 8,656.70 | Broken Hill | 420½ | - 29½ | 4.5 | ... |
| 422.30 | Brierley Inv | 14½ | + 1 | 8.9 | 4.2 |
| 7,902.10 | BTR Amer Tele† | 503 | - 57½ | 5.6 | 10.5 |
| 25.30 | Cookson | 204 | ... | 8.5 | ... |
| 442.70 | BCC | 507½ | ... | 2.0 | 16.4 |
| 2,943.30 | Gallaher | 431 | - 2 | 4.8 | 14.4 |
| 15,561.50 | Hutch Whamp | 401½ | ... | 2.9 | 22.8 |
| 3,202.30 | Imperial Tob† | 630 | - 2½ | 4.8 | 14.2 |
| 1,280.10 | Jardine Math | 165½ | - 23½ | 9.4 | 7.6 |
| 86.00 | Lonrho Africa | 61 | - 4 | 4.7 | 15.3 |
| 397.10 | Powell Duffryn† | 465 | + 20½ | 6.7 | 10.7 |
| 69.00 | Staveley† | 76½ | - 5 | 14.7 | 14.5 |
| 2,565.40 | Swire Pacific | 273 | - ½ | 4.4 | ... |
| 3,183.40 | Tomkins | 289 | + 9½ | 5.1 | 11.2 |
| 33.60 | Unitrnd | 170 | ... | 10.1 | ... |
| 87.60 | Wardle Storeys† | 341 | - 1½ | 8.1 | 7.9 |
| 338.20 | Wassall | 216½ | + 3½ | 3.6 | 13.3 |
| 22.90 | Whitecroft | 51 | - 1½ | 11.4 | ... |

## ELECTRICITY

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4,636.80 | Br Energy† | 644 | - 2½ | 2.9 | 30.5 |
| 7,342.90 | National Grid† | 498½ | + 23½ | 3.1 | 23.4 |
| 8,318.90 | National Power† | 518 | - 14½ | 8.3 | 11.2 |
| 5,052.50 | PowerGen 1998 | 778½ | - 26½ | 4.8 | 11.8 |
| 2,541.40 | Hydro-Elect | 646 | - 30½ | 3.8 | 14.4 |
| 7,487.50 | Scottish Power† | 625 | - 50 | 4.2 | 15.1 |
| 3,060.70 | Southern Elec | 835 | - 46 | 4.7 | 16.4 |
| 940.60 | Yorkshire | 717½ | + 3 | 3.9 | 14.4 |

## ELECTRONIC & ELECT

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 812.40 | ARM Holdings | 1257½ | + 167½ | ... | ... |
| 75.90 | Acal | 377½ | + 48½ | 3.8 | 12.4 |
| 653.00 | Admiral | 1830 | + 52½ | 0.4 | 47.6 |
| 27.60 | Amstrad | 35½ | - ½ | 1.8 | ... |
| 18.90 | Arlen | 28 | ... | 5.8 | 39.2 |
| 263.90 | Avesco | 85½ | + 1 | 1.5 | 9.5 |
| 63.20 | Azlan | 59 | + 4 | ... | ... |
| 273.90 | BICC† | 65 | + 5½ | 15.4 | ... |
| 116.80 | Bilick | 376 | ... | 4.3 | ... |
| 749.40 | Bowthorpe† | 387 | - 15 | 3.9 | 13.6 |
| 2.73 | Bulgin A | 10½ | - 1½ | 15.2 | 8.5 |
| 12.20 | CML Micro | 77 | - 1½ | 11.4 | 6.8 |
| 4.81 | Charter Hldgs | 5½ | - 1½ | 13.1 | 3.5 |
| 128.00 | Chloride† | 52½ | + 3 | 2.5 | 14.5 |
| 63.20 | Critchley† | 387½ | ... | 4.8 | 8.7 |
| 149.90 | Dartz | 180 | - 13½ | 15.0 | 4.8 |
| 94.80 | Domino | 405 | ... | 3.9 | 13.8 |
| 60.10 | Dowding Mills | 39 | ... | 10.6 | 11.2 |
| 90.60 | Druck | 287½ | ... | 0.8 | 25.6 |
| 704.60 | Electrolux B | 990½ | + 59½ | 9.4 | 26.6 |
| 21.60 | Enesco | 24 | ... | 3.7 | 16.7 |
| 24,623.50 | Ericsson B | 1378½ | - 275 | 0.9 | 30.3 |
| 240.60 | Fairey Group | 253½ | - 21½ | 5.0 | 8.5 |
| 331.60 | Filtronic | 575 | + 31 | 0.4 | 33.8 |
| 5.12 | Forward Tech | 14½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 14,412.90 | GEC | 539 | + 5 | 2.7 | 22.4 |
| 26.40 | Ind Control | 15½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 8.70 | Intelek | 16 | ... | 6.7 | 12.9 |
| 6.20 | Jasmin | 141 | - 4 | ... | 7.3 |
| 6.22 | LPA | 61 | - 1 | 4.8 | 10.6 |
| 428.30 | Misys | 405½ | - 37½ | ... | ... |
| 237.50 | MG7 | 378½ | + 4½ | ... | ... |
| 12.00 | Network Tech† | 32½ | + ... | 4.1 | ... |
| 18.00 | Oxford Inst | 195 | - 10 | 5.0 | 9.8 |
| 175.80 | Pace Micro | 82 | + 6 | 0.8 | ... |
| 13,686.00 | Philips Lmp Nv | 3940½ | - 84½ | 1.6 | 13.4 |
| 14.30 | Plasmon | 73 | + 6½ | ... | ... |
| 162.70 | Pressac | 188½ | + 15 | 3.1 | 11.5 |
| 8.14 | Prodtrek | 20 | ... | 2.5 | ... |
| 369.80 | Psion | 477½ | + 31½ | 0.7 | 45.2 |
| 913.50 | Racal Elect | 315 | + 14 | 2.4 | 29.4 |
| 7.76 | Radamec | 41½ | - 3 | 6.3 | 8.9 |
| 297.70 | Renishaw | 364 | - 6 | 3.5 | 16.0 |
| 1.91 | Rodime | 0½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 126.50 | Roxboro | 225 | + 6 | 4.2 | 10.6 |
| 10.70 | Servomex | 103½ | - 4 | 11.5 | 6.2 |
| 29.60 | Siebe | 35½ | + 2½ | 5.3 | 6.8 |
| 6,667.30 | TDK | 5005½ | - 62½ | 0.5 | 22.2 |
| 10.60 | TGH† | 49 | - ½ | 9.3 | 5.6 |
| 10.60 | Tadpole Tech | 8½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 46.50 | Telemetrix | 50½ | + 1 | 4.0 | ... |
| 10.00 | Telspec | 31 | - 4 | 0.4 | 4.4 |
| 17.20 | Thorpe FW | 132½ | - 1 | 5.0 | 6.2 |
| 4.32 | Total Systems | 41½ | - 22 | 3.5 | 5.9 |
| 6.19 | Ultima Networks | 4½ | - 1½ | ... | ... |
| 29.60 | Vistec Technology | 24½ | + ½ | 4.6 | 9.7 |
| 133.50 | Volex | 473½ | - 11½ | 5.7 | 11.1 |

## ENGINEERING

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15.10 | AIM | 102½ | ... | 5.5 | ... |
| 2,889.40 | ALSTOM | 1337½ | - 37½ | ... | 14.6 |
| 12.80 | ASW | 15½ | + 4½ | ... | ... |
| 38.70 | Alumasc | 96 | + 4½ | 11.1 | 5.4 |
| 193.10 | Alvis† | 181 | + 1 | 2.4 | 9.5 |
| 163.30 | Ascol | 280 | + 25 | 5.4 | 9.8 |
| 41.10 | Ash & Lacy | 110 | - 2½ | 8.0 | 5.6 |
| 3.95 | Ayrshire Metal | 39½ | ... | 6.3 | 3.8 |
| 1,418.80 | BBA | 393½ | + 33½ | 2.5 | 12.5 |
| 3,876.00 | BTR | 128 | - 3 | 8.1 | 15.6 |
| 21.90 | BWI† | 47 | - 5½ | 10.6 | 4.3 |
| 127.00 | Babcock | 75 | + 3½ | 2.6 | 9.5 |
| 4.12 | Bailey (CH) | 7½ | ... | 4.2 | ... |
| 2.57 | Beauford | 3½ | - 7 | 19.2 | ... |
| 272.70 | Bensford | 178 | - 5 | 3.5 | 5.8 |
| 186.70 | Bersid Cv Uts Ln | 88½ | - 1½ | 6.2 | ... |
| 826.70 | Bodycote† | 805 | - 25 | 1.5 | 16.8 |
| 3.76 | Boole Inds | 36½ | ... | ... | 16.2 |
| 18.90 | Bridport† | 81½ | + 1 | 7.3 | 6.9 |
| 8,850.30 | Br Aerospace | 502 | + 6½ | 1.3 | 19.5 |
| 1,922.20 | Br Steel† | 97 | - 5½ | 12.9 | 8.5 |
| 6.84 | Brooke Ind† | 90 | + 1½ | 6.6 | ... |
| 7.33 | Brunel | 6 | + ½ | 9.1 | ... |
| 78.60 | Bullough | 68 | - ½ | 11.0 | 6.2 |
| 9.10 | Carbo | 11½ | ... | 11.3 | 65.7 |
| 59.20 | Castle Eng | 101 | + 12½ | 13.2 | 6.0 |
| 62.40 | Castings | 189½ | ... | 4.1 | 9.4 |
| 14.80 | Charlotte 1981 | 182½ | ... | 6.2 | 7.0 |
| 286.50 | Charter | 297½ | + 26 | 10.6 | 11.0 |
| 27.30 | Chemring | 715 | + 1 | 3.3 | ... |
| 24.10 | Clyde Blowers† | 165 | ... | 5.3 | 12.1 |
| 747.80 | Cobham† | 760 | - 38 | 2.3 | 18.3 |
| 1.16 | Cohen (A) | 146 | ... | ... | ... |
| 923.20 | Cookson | 133½ | ... | 7.0 | 7.9 |
| 5.89 | Elecot | 14½ | - 1½ | 2.2 | 6.4 |
| 9.26 | Energy Tech | 27 | ... | 6.3 | ... |
| 8.41 | Europower | 11½ | ... | 9.8 | 7.4 |
| 75.40 | Expamet | 118½ | ... | 4.3 | 9.9 |
| 809.30 | FKI | 142 | + 7½ | 5.8 | 8.5 |
| 97.30 | Fenner† | 95 | - 2½ | 5.9 | ... |
| 5.81 | Ferran | 2½ | ... | ... | 17.8 |
| 13.40 | Firth Hldgs | 16½ | - 5½ | 2.3 | 19.8 |
| 106.50 | Firth Rixson | 75 | - 5½ | 4.8 | ... |
| 9.34 | Flare | 11 | ... | ... | ... |
| 23.10 | GEI Int | 60½ | - 1½ | 7.6 | 5.0 |
| 5.89 | Garton Eng | 157 | ... | 8.8 | 5.1 |
| 393.70 | Glynwed | 162½ | + 5½ | 10.2 | 8.7 |
| 52.80 | Haden MacLn | 46½ | - ½ | 8.6 | 4.7 |
| 10.00 | Hadleigh | 133½ | + 1 | 7.6 | 7.8 |
| 42.70 | Hall Eng | 80 | - 7 | 13.0 | 3.4 |
| 476.50 | Halma | 132 | + 15½ | 2.6 | 18.0 |
| 65.40 | Hampson Ind | 58½ | + 1½ | 3.9 | 9.2 |
| 6.38 | Hay (Norman) | 42½ | ... | 5.3 | 8.1 |
| 4.29 | Headway† | 26½ | ... | 9.4 | 3.5 |
| 16.40 | Hill & Smith | 41½ | + 4 | 12.0 | 42.8 |
| 854.20 | IMI | 243½ | - 1½ | 5.9 | 7.9 |
| 865.80 | Johnson Matthey | 397½ | - 20½ | 4.6 | 8.4 |
| 4.88 | Jones Stroud | 19 | + 10½ | 3.3 | ... |
| 9.14 | Kelsey Ind | 295 | + 2½ | 12.9 | 4.7 |
| 29.10 | Linx | 305½ | + 15 | 5.1 | 8.7 |
| 13.80 | Lockert | 17½ | - ½ | 7.2 | 5.0 |
| 5.34 | MS Int | 19½ | ... | ... | 5.5 |
| 33.20 | Mang Bronze | 188½ | - 2 | 7.0 | 9.7 |
| 352.80 | McKechnie† | 336 | - 1½ | 7.7 | 7.5 |
| 58.90 | McLeod Russel | 94 | - 1 | 8.8 | ... |
| 279.00 | Meggitt | 124½ | + 3 | 4.8 | 12.0 |
| 109.50 | Metalrax | 89½ | - 2 | 8.1 | 11.7 |
| 3.48 | MetalTech | 4½ | ... | ... | 32.5 |
| 41.90 | Molins | 117½ | + 7½ | 16.0 | ... |
| 678.90 | Morgan Cruc† | 298 | + 15 | 6.8 | 9.2 |
| 168.20 | Powerscreen | 116½ | - 2 | 3.3 | ... |
| 75.60 | Quadramatic | 156½ | - 1½ | 8.7 | ... |
| 2.68 | Quadrant Grp | 42½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 2.68 | Radiant Metal | 50 | ... | ... | ... |
| 110.20 | Renold† | 168 | - ½ | 5.6 | 7.4 |
| 12.90 | Richardson West | 35½ | ... | 15.6 | 4.0 |
| 3,414.10 | Rolls-Royce† | 227 | - 5½ | 3.4 | 18.2 |
| 279.80 | Rotork | 324 | + 5 | 3.8 | 19.9 |
| 202.90 | Robicon | 238 | ... | 3.6 | 13.7 |
| 489.90 | SKF B | 759½ | - 37½ | 5.1 | 7.5 |
| 370.30 | Senior Eng | 121½ | ... | 3.6 | 10.2 |
| 49.00 | Serck-Pro | 246 | - 4 | 5.7 | 6.7 |
| 4,559.50 | Siebe† | 216½ | - ½ | 1.9 | 13.5 |
| 33.90 | Sir Hundred† | 60½ | - 5½ | 11.4 | ... |
| 2,608.00 | Smiths Ind† | 844 | - 16 | 2.9 | 17.5 |
| 5.39 | Solvera | 7½ | - 1 | 4.8 | ... |
| 411.70 | Spirax-Sarco | 618½ | - 1½ | 3.9 | 19.9 |
| 70.10 | Sterling Ind | 230½ | - 4½ | 6.1 | 10.7 |
| 1,533.60 | TI | 319 | - 3½ | 5.1 | 10.2 |
| 17.10 | Tinsley (E) | 78 | + 5½ | 12.0 | 5.8 |
| 65.00 | TomsTech | 34½ | - 1 | 10.1 | 4.3 |
| 330.30 | TT Group | 198½ | - 3 | 5.8 | 7.2 |
| 222.30 | Ultra Elect | 343½ | - 2½ | 2.7 | 15.9 |
| 20.60 | Utd Inds | 46 | - 2½ | 7.3 | 8.6 |
| 431.70 | Vickers Grp | 186½ | - 6 | 8.3 | 17.9 |
| 19.00 | Vitters Grp | 8½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 266.40 | Weekt | 500 | + 1 | 3.3 | 10.0 |
| 249.60 | Vosper Thrnycft | 768½ | - 9½ | 4.8 | 11.0 |
| 118.70 | Wagon | 228 | + 2 | 5.5 | ... |
| 407.60 | Weir | 204½ | + 8 | 5.6 | 9.3 |
| 71.60 | Wellington Hdg | 92½ | + 1 | 11.2 | 7.0 |
| 20.20 | Wescott | 35½ | ... | 6.5 | 8.7 |
| 165.90 | Whatman | 752½ | ... | 2.7 | 18.2 |
| 5.14 | Wolsey | 42½ | ... | 10.3 | ... |

## ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 59.10 | Apwell | 71 | + 1½ | 11.0 | 5.3 |
| 11.10 | Airflow Stream | 130 | - 3 | 7.7 | 11.9 |
| 129.50 | Avon Rubber | 487½ | - 22½ | 5.1 | ... |
| 28.50 | Bostrom | 167½ | ... | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| 315.90 | Brent† | 105½ | - ½ | 3.8 | 10.6 |
| 266.00 | Dennis | 470 | ... | 2.6 | 21.5 |
| 157.20 | First Tech | 329½ | + 23 | 2.0 | 18.2 |

## FOOD MANUFACTURERS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4,833.00 | AB Food | 537 | - 71 | 2.2 | 17.8 |
| 58.70 | Acatos & Hutch | 134 | ... | 6.1 | ... |
| 50.40 | Albert Fisher | 7 | + ½ | ... | 4.9 |
| 18.20 | Banks (S C) | 194 | - 2½ | 7.4 | 9.1 |
| 86.10 | Barr (AG) | 438½ | - 6½ | 4.8 | 9.2 |
| 17.80 | Bensons Crsp | 40½ | + 1 | 5.2 | 8.5 |
| 161.20 | Booker† | 65 | + 4 | 8.1 | 3.4 |
| 360.30 | Bspie Brost | 730 | + 19 | 2.0 | 17.9 |
| 11.18 | CPL Aromas† | 84½ | - 1 | 7.1 | 8.1 |
| 10,058.10 | Cadbury-Schw | 989 | + 124 | 1.9 | 25.8 |
| 5.80 | Cass Milling | 72½ | + 1½ | 8.3 | ... |
| 1,221.70 | Coca-Cola Bev | 114½ | - 5 | ... | ... |
| 40.20 | Cranswick† | 279½ | - 5½ | 3.3 | 10.7 |
| 412.00 | Dairy Crest Group† | 363 | - ½ | 3.9 | 13.4 |
| 37.80 | Daniels S | 33½ | ... | 2.6 | 10.4 |
| 257.30 | Devro | 161½ | - 15 | 7.5 | 7.1 |
| 445.30 | Express Dairies† | 149½ | + 15 | 6.9 | 11.1 |
| 73.40 | Finlay (James)† | 73 | ... | 6.0 | 5.6 |
| 261.60 | Geest† | 400 | + 10 | 3.4 | 15.8 |
| 17.80 | Global | 12 | ... | 7.4 | 21.1 |
| 467.20 | Greencore | 244 | - 12½ | 4.0 | ... |
| 314.10 | Hazlewood Fds | 134 | - 6 | 7.0 | 9.7 |
| 270.50 | Hillsdown | 74 | - 1 | 3.8 | ... |
| 139.30 | Matthews (B) | 112 | + ½ | 5.0 | 20.3 |
| 9.36 | NBI | 15½ | - 1 | 3.0 | 6.2 |
| 54.00 | Nichols (V) | 144 | - 1 | 6.9 | 7.7 |
| 764.40 | Ranks Foods | 128 | - 2½ | 6.0 | 11.8 |
| 282.80 | RHM Intl | 98½ | + ½ | 6.2 | 10.0 |
| 0.77 | Pascoes | 24 | ... | ... | ... |
| 176.40 | Perkins Food | 140 | - 1 | 3.3 | 14.8 |
| 18.40 | Plant & Geo | 35½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 3.94 | Sealiry Farm | 52½ | + 10 | 7.1 | ... |
| 11.80 | Sims Food | 33½ | - 2 | 0.8 | 6.9 |
| 1,519.70 | Tate & Lyle† | 353 | + 1½ | 4.8 | 15.9 |
| 182.80 | Terranova | 100 | + ½ | 5.0 | 11.1 |
| 12.80 | Treatt | 126½ | + 15½ | 5.7 | ... |
| 1,080.50 | Unigate† | 450 | - 2½ | 6.2 | 9.8 |
| 19,533.40 | Unilever† | 588 | + 1½ | 1.8 | 24.8 |
| 20,323.70 | Unilever (NV)† | 4581¼ | + 40½ | 1.6 | 11.5 |
| 1,198.10 | Utd Biscuits† | 254 | + 15 | 5.6 | 17.3 |
| 42.40 | WT Foods | 52½ | ... | 3.6 | 17.5 |

Also at head of column: 4,998.30 BOC 703 + 29½ 2.2 15.8; 27,207.30 General Mills† 4168½ + 6½ 2.9 ...; 224.50 Heniys 415 - 12½ 5.0 10.4; 20,918.70 Honda Motor 2146½ - 22½ 0.4 14.8; 185.40 Laird 130 - 3½ 11.0 4.3; 2,598.00 LucasVarity 190½ - 13½ 3.1 12.0; 356.50 Mayflower 139½ + 12 2.6 12.4; 24.50 Sylone 101 + ½ 8.7 7.4; 14.10 Trad 24 + 1 ... ...; 102.20 Turbitek 89 - 7½ ... ...; 42.90 Walshe 46 - 4 2.7 13.2

## HEALTHCARE

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 25.90 | AdvancedMedicine▲ | 42 | | | |
| 1,598.70 | Alsco UniChem† | 553 | - 24½ | 2.3 | 23.6 |
| 21.30 | Assoc Nursg | 137½ | ... | 3.7 | 11.0 |
| 234.40 | Bespak | 912 | + 33½ | 1.9 | 23.1 |
| 79.30 | Biocompatibles Intl | 81½ | - 3½ | ... | ... |
| 98.20 | Care UK† | 212½ | + 4 | 0.9 | ... |
| 22.90 | Celsis | 23 | - 5 | ... | ... |
| 163.60 | Community H | 463½ | + 16 | 3.5 | 15.5 |
| 51.20 | CrystalCare | 27 | - ½ | 4.7 | 15.0 |
| 2.33 | Enviromed | 9 | - ½ | ... | 41.6 |
| 21.80 | Ferraris Group | 155½ | + 2½ | 2.9 | 11.6 |
| 42.30 | Gyrus | 136½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 117.00 | Huntleigh Tec | 234½ | ... | 1.7 | 25.4 |
| 15.50 | Intercare Gp | 54½ | - 1 | 8.4 | 17.4 |
| 70.60 | Isotron | 560 | + 7½ | 1.6 | 17.4 |
| 440.50 | Lon Intl | 127 | ... | 2.6 | 63.3 |
| 337.40 | Nestor Hlth | 436½ | + 35 | 1.2 | 40.7 |
| 2,189.60 | Nycomed AmershamV | 347 | - 28 | 1.5 | 18.9 |
| 0.43 | Promis Health # | 5½ | | | |
| 1.75 | Regina | 5½ | | | |
| 926.80 | Seton Scholl | 676 | + 9 | 1.5 | ... |
| 108.60 | Shield Diag | 332½ | - 27½ | ... | ... |
| 17.20 | Sinclair Mont | 97½ | - 1½ | 0.3 | 35.4 |
| 1,871.50 | Smith & Neph | 168 | + 4 | 3.7 | 16.9 |
| 14.30 | Tamarist | 38 | - ½ | 11.0 | 6.8 |
| 131.10 | West Hlthcare | 197½ | + 7½ | 4.4 | 14.4 |

## HOUSEHOLD GDS & TEXT

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12.80 | Airsprung | 53½ | - 1 | 17.8 | 4.0 |
| 88.40 | Alba | 178½ | - 1½ | 4.5 | 8.9 |
| 2.19 | Alison | 57½ | + 1½ | 7.2 | 6.7 |
| 30.60 | Alexandra | 91 | ... | 9.6 | 8.5 |
| 72.10 | Allied Textile | 101½ | ... | 10.5 | 5.6 |
| 4.63 | Armour | 11½ | + ½ | 2.2 | ... |
| 8.70 | BLP Group | 75 | - 27½ | 12.9 | 2.7 |
| 114.30 | Baird (Wm)† | 97½ | - 1½ | 13.5 | 4.7 |
| 3.43 | Bdisco Birrus | 38½ | ... | 8.2 | ... |
| 19.80 | Black Arrow† | 81 | - 2½ | 7.7 | 6.3 |
| 169.40 | Black (Peter) | 274½ | + 5 | 3.2 | 14.3 |
| 10.70 | British Mohair | 80½ | - 1 | 6.2 | ... |
| 9.98 | Claremont Gar | 18½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 211.10 | Coats Viyella† | 30 | + 5½ | 8.3 | ... |
| 29.30 | Conwell Pr Sp | 70 | - 3½ | 7.1 | 4.7 |
| 167.00 | Courtaulds Txt | 161 | + 3½ | 11.9 | 6.1 |
| 1.64 | Craigmon | 8½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 3.67 | Dalfyvest | 3½ | - ½ | 11.3 | ... |
| 19.80 | Dawson | 10 | - 1 | 13.8 | ... |
| 28.30 | Denby Group | 83½ | - 11½ | 7.2 | ... |
| 105.10 | Dewhirst | 79½ | ... | 8.6 | 4.8 |
| 2.55 | Drummond Group | 12 | ... | 5.2 | ... |
| 25.80 | Eclipse Blinds | 61½ | - 1 | 7.6 | 5.2 |
| 2.29 | Ethel | 18 | ... | 8.3 | 5.7 |
| 7.19 | FII Group | 31 | - 4½ | 20.2 | 2.2 |
| 3.63 | Fairpel Trading | 31 | + 1½ | 8.7 | 7.3 |
| 1.18 | Foster (J) | 10½ | | | |
| 4.58 | French | 41½ | | | |
| 15.60 | Gaskell | 78½ | - 2½ | 4.4 | 4.8 |
| 12.60 | Haggas (J) | 57½ | ... | 7.6 | ... |
| 25.80 | Hairstone Group | 10½ | + ½ | 2.0 | 5.9 |
| 26.50 | Hicking Pentecost† | 83½ | - 5½ | 12.4 | 5.2 |
| 3.02 | Hollas Group# | 2½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 1.18 | Honeysuckle Grp# | 14 | ... | ... | ... |
| 20.50 | Horace Small | 81 | ... | ... | ... |
| 111.40 | IMP Intl | 157½ | - 2½ | 3.9 | 7.0 |
| 3.83 | Jacques Vert | 12½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 26.80 | Jones Stroud | 155 | - 1½ | 9.8 | 6.1 |
| 12.70 | Jourdan (T)† | 38½ | + 1½ | 4.1 | 30.8 |
| 50.50 | Kenwood App | 110 | + 3½ | ... | ... |
| 22.00 | Lambert Howarth | 158½ | - ½ | 7.1 | 5.7 |
| 14.30 | Lamont Hldgs | 47½ | - 3 | ... | 3.1 |
| 18.70 | Leeds Group | 51 | + 3½ | 17.2 | 3.7 |
| 3.05 | Leslie Wise | 8½ | - ½ | 15.2 | ... |
| 3.01 | Lionheart | 3½ | ... | 14.3 | 3.0 |
| 3.08 | Lyles (S)† | 46 | ... | 8.2 | 4.4 |
| 182.10 | McBride | 103 | - 18 | 9.1 | 7.3 |
| 16.70 | Maybank | 71½ | - 6 | 12.4 | 6.7 |
| 23.90 | Osborne & Little | 385 | ... | 8.7 | 6.5 |
| 4.18 | PEX Group | 2½ | - ½ | 4.0 | ... |
| 4.09 | Parkland Group | 33½ | ... | 0.4 | ... |
| 81.70 | Paterson Zoch | 335 | - 15 | 6.9 | ... |
| 66.70 | Paterson Zch A† | 290 | - 15 | 8.0 | 8.4 |
| 325.70 | Pentland Group | 95 | - 1½ | 4.9 | 14.1 |
| 28.80 | Pifco | 158½ | - 6½ | 4.8 | 8.1 |
| 7.03 | Pittards | 32½ | ... | 13.5 | ... |
| 66.10 | Readicut Intl | 31½ | + 5½ | 8.9 | 9.0 |
| 3,300.80 | Reckitt Colmt | 811 | - 28½ | 3.0 | 15.9 |
| 63.00 | Relyon | 282½ | - 1½ | 6.9 | 8.3 |
| 2.46 | Richards | 70½ | ... | ... | ... |
| 40.70 | Royal Doulton | 73½ | - 9½ | 17.0 | 6.6 |
| 3.64 | SEET | 22½ | ... | ... | 11.2 |
| 37.20 | Sherwood Group | 33½ | - 2½ | 13.4 | 8.8 |
| 7.58 | Silton | 125 | - 1½ | 4.2 | 65.4 |
| 62.80 | Slumberland | 177 | - 3 | 8.4 | 6.8 |
| 31.20 | Sidar | 57 | - ½ | 12.4 | 5.9 |
| 18.90 | Stirling Group | 21½ | ... | 15.0 | 3.9 |
| 3.65 | Stoddard Intl | 5½ | + 1½ | 8.5 | ... |
| 16.80 | Swos | 67½ | + 7 | 12.6 | 4.4 |
| 8.81 | Swallowfield | 38½ | - 1 | 14.7 | 3.5 |
| 8.71 | Tomkinsons | 134 | + 4 | 11.4 | ... |
| 7.42 | Usher (F) | 107½ | + ½ | 12.8 | 5.3 |
| 14.76 | Victoria | 88 | ... | 6.3 | 4.8 |
| 30.20 | Vymura | 78 | ... | 8.8 | 5.6 |
| 28.80 | Walker Greenbk | 47½ | + ½ | 8.3 | 8.6 |
| 389.20 | Wilsord Wdgwd | 53 | - 2½ | 2.7 | 14.9 |
| 5.89 | Wiesson | 76½ | ... | 8.3 | 8.0 |
| 2.10 | Wood (Arthur) | 105 | ... | 7.1 | 8.3 |
| 8.62 | Yorklyde | 77 | ... | 8.2 | 20.8 |

## INSURANCE

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12,913.60 | Allied Zrch | 822 | - 10 | 1.3 | 0.5 |
| 10,811.90 | Am Gen | 4200½ | - 78½ | 2.1 | ... |
| 244.80 | Amlin | 113 | + ½ | 13.3 | 7.1 |
| 5,759.80 | Aon Corpn | 3426½ | + 25 | 2.0 | ... |
| 87.80 | Atkins | 145 | - ½ | 10.8 | 6.7 |
| 129.80 | Benfield & Rea† | 119 | - ½ | 6.8 | 12.4 |
| 27.70 | Brmtsck | 43 | - ½ | 14.0 | ... |
| 2,466.30 | Britannic | 1270 | + 31 | 3.5 | 6.8 |
| 11,087.20 | CGU | 847 | - 79½ | 4.0 | 18.1 |
| 107.80 | CLM Insce | 123½ | ... | 13.2 | 8.0 |
| 77.10 | Charles Taylor | 253½ | + 31½ | 2.4 | 23.7 |
| 34.20 | Chaucer | 113½ | ... | 8.8 | 8.4 |
| 371.70 | Countrywide As | 103 | - 2 | 3.6 | 10.4 |
| 470.20 | Cox Insce | 347½ | - 8 | 1.2 | 20.5 |
| 182.00 | Dom & Gen | 527½ | ... | 2.6 | 18.0 |
| 25.90 | Euclidian | 120 | - 2½ | 15.6 | 3.8 |
| 157.50 | FBD IE | 382½ | - 5½ | 2.6 | 14.6 |
| 2,555.70 | GRE† | 335½ | - ½ | 4.8 | 5.2 |
| 353.60 | Hibernian IE | 652 | ... | 2.0 | 12.8 |
| 212.90 | Hiscox | 149½ | - 9½ | 2.3 | 17.1 |
| 372.20 | Independent | 244 | + 10½ | 1.8 | 6.4 |
| 1,718.80 | Irish Life | 542½ | + 27½ | 2.6 | 15.9 |
| 379.60 | Jardine Lyd Th | 199½ | - 4 | 6.6 | 12.1 |
| 146.70 | Kiln | 150 | - 6 | ... | 17.8 |
| 70.90 | Lambert Fen | 78½ | - 3 | 6.8 | 9.6 |
| 9,188.90 | Legal & Gen | 719 | - 38½ | 2.3 | 20.7 |
| 1,860.60 | Liberty Life | 782½ | - 116½ | 4.2 | 8.4 |
| 473.70 | Lond | 159½ | - 6½ | 5.7 | 15.9 |
| 7,715.90 | Marsh McLn | 3490½ | + 26½ | 2.8 | ... |
| 47.20 | Masthead | 117 | + 1½ | 17.7 | 6.2 |
| 50.70 | New London Cap | 84½ | + 17½ | 10.7 | 9.5 |
| 8,062.10 | Norwich Union† | 421 | - 7 | 3.6 | 14.4 |
| 40.30 | Ockham | 74 | + 6 | 7.8 | ... |
| 25.40 | Prosperity Trust | 128½ | - 2 | 3.9 | 28.5 |
| 16,465.70 | Prudential | 847 | - 1½ | 2.3 | 22.6 |
| 4.68 | PWS | 14½ | - 1 | 6.5 | 3.3 |
| 7,583.50 | Royal & Sun Al | 485½ | + 5 | 4.8 | 14.2 |
| 1,157.00 | St James Place | 379 | + 23 | 0.7 | 25.9 |
| 1,247.60 | Sedgwick | 225 | ... | 3.1 | ... |
| 18.70 | Steel Burrill | 34 | ... | 5.5 | ... |
| 3,973.90 | Sun Life & P | 490 | - 30 | 3.1 | 21.3 |
| 137.70 | SVB | 154½ | ... | 9.4 | 10.7 |
| 1,806.80 | Utd Assurance | 522½ | + 7 | 5.3 | 8.2 |
| 257.20 | Wellington | 212 | + 10½ | 3.8 | 12.8 |
| 7.07 | Windsor | 14 | + 2 | 9.4 | 6.9 |
| 63.40 | Wren | 140 | - ½ | 5.1 | 8.1 |

## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3,328.10 | 3i† | 558 | + 1½ | 2.4 | 30.9 |
| 19.50 | Aberdeen Emrg Fc | 39 | - 1½ | ... | ... |
| 75.80 | Aberdn High Inc | 120½ | + 3 | 8.0 | 15.6 |
| 45.30 | Aberdn New Dawn | 106 | - 1 | 1.9 | 56.5 |
| 148.80 | Aberfrth Smll | 179½ | + ½ | 5.0 | 20.0 |
| 6.27 | Aberforth Sm Wts | 91½ | | | |
| 1,382.00 | Alliance | 2742 | - 55½ | 2.8 | 42.0 |
| 762.30 | Anglo & O'seas | 687½ | - 4 | 1.9 | 60.0 |
| 18.20 | Asst Opps | 73 | ... | 2.7 | 32.2 |
| 33.00 | BFS Inc & Grth | 83 | ... | 16.1 | 8.9 |
| 47.50 | BFS Inc & Grth IT | 119½ | - 1 | 11.1 | 13.6 |
| 78.80 | BFS Inc & Grth ZPI | 96½ | + 1 | | |
| 17.40 | Baillie Gifford SN | 54½ | - ½ | | |
| 362.90 | Bankers | 234 | - 6 | 3.1 | 38.1 |
| 93.50 | Baring Em Eu | 75½ | + 1 | | |
| 403.20 | Br Assets† | 125 | - 2 | 4.7 | 21.5 |
| 182.30 | Br Empire Sect | 96½ | - ½ | 1.4 | 55.1 |
| 22.95 | Brunner | 364 | ... | 3.0 | 30.3 |
| 192.00 | Brunner | 300 | - 3 | 2.9 | 47.1 |
| 11.50 | Cairngorm Dem | 81 | - 2½ | 4.6 | 25.4 |
| 183.90 | Candover | 810 | ... | 3.5 | 33.2 |
| 75.00 | Central Euro Gwth | 35½ | + 1 | | |
| 354.40 | Child European | 437½ | ... | 1.7 | ... |
| 66.80 | City Merch HYT | 185 | + 2 | 7.4 | 15.3 |
| 499.00 | City Of Lon | 237½ | - 5 | 3.6 | 32.7 |
| 5.80 | Dartic Inv Inc | 79½ | ... | 13.0 | 10.2 |

Investment trusts (continued): 83.20 Derby Cap 542½ - 3½; 14.30 Derby Inc 121 - ½ 17.2 3.7; 19.10 Dundee RCM Eng 65½ - 1½; 16.80 Dres RCM Smlt 127 - 5½ 2.7 48.1; 322.60 Dunedin Inc G 201½ - 1½ 3.5 31.9; 47.00 Dunedin Smlr 279½ - 1 4.7 23.7; 105.30 Edin Dragon 44½ - ½; 13.00 Edinburgh Inca 15½ + 1½ ... 62.9; 1,226.60 Edinburgh IT 417½ - 1½ 3.2 28.8; 25.70 Edin Japan 77½ - 2½; 435.70 Edin US Tri 520½ - 10½ 1.3; 831.30 Electra Inv 538 + 2 2.4 37.9; 249.90 Eng & Scot 141½ - 1½ 3.3 30.7; 102.40 European Asset 410½ - 8 1.3; 58.10 Fidity Asian Val 57½ + 7 ... 67.8; 175.10 Fidity Euro Val 302½ + 7 8.2; 23.70 Fidity Jap Val 28½ - ½; 42.90 Fidity Spec Valt 116½ - ½ 1.9 43.1; 33.90 Finsbury AT 212 - 1 2.4; 79.60 Finsbury Grwth 173 - ½ 2.7 41.6; 0.02 Five Arr Wts 1; 406.10 Fleming Amer 578½ + 1 0.5; 71.20 Fleming Asian 42½ ... 2.1; 2.53 Fleming Asian Wts 8½ -; 23.70 Fleming Chinese† 38½ + ½ 1.6; 1.71 Fleming Cn Wrts 14½ + ½; 258.80 Fleming Claver 423½ - 1½ 2.0 58.7; 353.30 Fleming Contl 541 - 7 0.6; 76.40 Fleming Em Mkts 80 - 3½; 63.70 Flem Grd Gth Ord 344½ - 2½ 1.0; 27.30 Flem Grd Gth Pfl 150½ + 1½ 10.1; 116.10 Fleming Inc Cap 125½ - 4½ 5.9 19.2; 87.70 Fleming Ing Inct 109 - ½ 11.4 10.1; 110.80 Fleming Ing Cap 275½ - 5; 31.30 Fleming Indian 34 +; 1.18 Fleming In Wrts 7 +; 276.10 Fleming Japan 141 - 1½; 439.30 Fleming Merc 304 - 3½ 4.8 27.3; 101.80 Fleming Mid Cap 254½ - 6½ 2.6 54.2; 29.60 Fleming Nat Res# 72 ... 0.5; 513.30 Fleming Oseas 386½ - 5 1.0; 33.50 Fleming Smlr Co 125½ ... 2.6 47.5; 41.80 Fleming US Discy 331½ + 1½ 0.4; 1,918.10 Foreign & Col 182½ + 2 1.7 63.8; 45.50 F&C Inc Gwth† 105 + 1½ 4.2 27.0; 75.70 F&C Emg Mkts 40½ - 1½; 237.80 F&C Enterprise 253 ... 1.9 54.7; 329.40 F&C Eurotst 438 - 4 0.5; 64.60 F&C Latn Amer 71½ - 2½; 249.30 F&C Pacific 108½ - ½ 2.1 56.5; 88.40 F&C PEP 146½ - 2½ 3.9; 167.30 F&C Smaller 159½ - 1 2.3 41.1; 77.50 F&C US Smlr 154; 27.70 Framlin Inc 70½ + ½ 9.5 11.8; 27.40 Framlin Cap 118½ - 8½; 4.47 Framl Dual Co 126 - 3½; 7.70 Falcon Cap 48 - 1; 1.32 Falcon Inc 11½ + ½ 148.8 1.0; 17.50 Falcon Zero 202½ + 1½; 68.60 Gartmore Bril 325 ... 3.7 35.1; 239.70 Gartmore Eurot 305 + 1 0.5; 45.70 Gartmore Smrlt 134½ - 1½ 8.9 13.4; 39.20 Gmore Smr Cost 272½ - 7 2.9 45.1; 38.50 Geared Inc Ord 62 - 1½ 9.8 11.0; 34.40 Geared Inc Inc 55½ ... 10.0 9.9; Geared Inc 0 Pl 111½ + 2; 26.40 Gov Asn Sm Cos 78½ + 3½ 1.0; 16.90 Gov Emg Mks 47½ - 3½ 1.3 61.7; 43.10 Govett High Inc 98½ + 1½ 7.8; 336.80 Govett Strategic† 343 - 6½ 2.7 41.9; 1.29 Gresham House 30½ ... 1.5 2.3; 63.60 GT Inc Growth 118 - 1½ 3.6 26.0; 87.80 GT Japan 140½ - 1; 28.10 Govt Fl Ex Inc 142½ + ½ 7.6; 28.70 Henderson Am Cp 78½; 9.09 Henderson Am In 121½ + ½ 8.0 13.4; 3.34 Henderson Am Wl 44½ - ½; 284.30 Hend Elec Gen 314½ + 2 1.6 64.8; 53.60 Hend Far East† 95½ - 1 8.9 13.8; 69.00 Hend Greenhr# 570 ... 1.7 71.5; 79.20 Hend High Inc† 150½ + 2½ 5.7 20.5; 31.30 Hend Jap Smlr 31½ -; 387.80 Hend Smlr 217½ - 1½ 2.3 70.3; 77.30 Hend Strata 439 - 14½; 107.90 Hend TR Pac 52½ + 1½ 0.6 76.3; 173.00 Hend Tech 117½ - 1½; 130.60 Herald 157½ - ½ 0.7; 38.90 High Income Tt 107½ + ½ 8.2 13.8; 102.20 H Govett Smlr 121 - 2½ 3.9; 36.40 I&S UK Smlrt 125 - 4 2.9 42.6; 444.10 Inv Capt 179½ - 7½ 4.1 30.4; 30.10 Inv Biotech 34½ - 1½; 0.04 Inv Biotec Wts 0½ -; 46.10 INVESCO Asia 41 + ½ 2.0 38.6; 101.40 INVESCO Eng Int 115 - 6½ 1.8 35.9; 8.65 INVESCO Jap Dis 31 - ½; 16.20 INVESCO Korea 48½ + 6; 28.60 INVESCO Tokyo 29½ -; 57.00 JF Fledg Jap 90½ - 2; 30.50 J Fry Euro 0 192½ + 8 3.8 28.1; 87.60 J Fry UHH 144 + 3½ 4.9 17.3; 51.80 J Fry Ulil Inct 89½ + ½ 7.8 65.1; 50.10 Jupiter Er Inc 134½ + ½ 7.3 16.9; 1.80 Jupiter Ex IncWl 30 + ½; 13.50 Jupiter Grd Capt 86½ + ½ 11.8 10.2; 17.10 Jupiter Grd Pfd 49 - ½; 35.00 Jupiter Intl Grn 139 + 1½ 3.7; 42.10 Jupiter Prima 765 + 2½ 1.1; 54.00 Kleinwt End 180 - 1½; 65.90 Korea Euro 183½ + 35 0.7; 248.20 Law Debenture 1070 + 5 3.4 29.8; 37.18 Lit Oll Opp 117 - 1½; 25.40 Lloyds Sm Cap 103½ + 1; 3.74 Lloyds Sm Div 15½ + ½ ... 3.5; 29.20 Lloyds Sm Pfg 119 + 2½ 4.6; 60.50 Lon St Lawrence 184½ - 1 4.8 23.9; 77.20 Lowland† 308 - 8 4.9 24.5; 80.00 M&G 2nd Dual Cp# 800; 5.00 M&G 2nd Dual Inc# 50 ... 1.8; 84.60 M&G Inc Geared† 84 ... 9.1 15.1; 151.60 M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp 61½ - ½; 53.00 M&G Inc Inv Tst Inct 21½ ... 3.6; 243.40 M&G Inc Package† 167 ... 4.6; 212.60 M&G Inc Zero Div 86½ + ½; 57.60 M&G Rec Cap 42½ + 1½; 88.30 M&G Rec Geared† 66 + 1½ 10.3; 30.50 M&G Rec Inct 22½ ... 30.2 4.0; 202.60 M&G Rec Packet† 180½ - 1½ 3.8; 161.60 M&G Rec Zero Div 130 - ½; 50.00 M Currie Euro 186½ + 1½ 0.6; 16.00 M Currie Japan 73½ - ½; 35.80 M Currie Pac 87 - 2 2.7 34.9; 175.60 Majedie 334½ + 5 2.5; 383.90 Merchants 385 - 4 4.8 25.9; 662.20 Mercury Euro Pvt 137½ - 3½ 2.4 32.9; 51.90 Mercury Eur Wt 57½ - ½; 217.30 Mercury World 57½ - 2½ 1.8 62.9; 577.00 Monks Inv Tst 743½ - 4½ 1.6 60.5; 65.00 Morg Gren Inct 170½ - 3 5.2 28.8; 4.04 Morg Wts 83½ - 1; 28.40 Morg Lat Amer 44½ - ½ 1.1 64.7; 1.80 Morg Wts 14 - ½; 20.90 Murray Ent 86½ - 3½ 4.6; 0.28 Murray Ent Wts 5½ - 2; 18.90 Murray Emg Eco 34½ - ½ 1.6; 0.49 Murray Em Ec Wl 3½ - ½; 386.60 Murray Income 447½ - 12 4.4 30.5; 495.00 Murray Intl 417 - 1½ 4.4 27.6; 184.60 Murray Smaltt 329 - 4½ 2.3 40.3; 43.30 Murray Ventures fT 80½ - 1 4.5; 13.70 Natwest Ent 305 ... 2.5 40.1; 0.90 Newmarket 2½; 54.90 Pacific Assets 42½ + 1½ 1.2; 42.30 Perpetual Euro 117½ - 3½ 0.5; 219.00 Perp Inc Grot 124½ - 2½ 3.6 27.3; 10.40 Perpetual Jap 29½ - ½; 39.20 Perpt Uk Sm Co 280 - 5 3.1 35.7; 37.50 Personal Assets £187½ + 100 3.7; 60.50 Pacific Inc 115½ - 3½ 4.9 26.3; 581.50 RIT Cap Ptrs 319½ - 11 0.8; 7,808.40 Robeco N/V 6681¼ - 3½ 1.8 71.0; 3,036.50 Rolinco N/V 5818½ + 87½ 0.2; 60.50 Schrd Asia Pac 43½ + 1½ 1.5; 40.20 Schrod Emg Cal 41½ - 1½; 106.60 Schrod Inc Gwth 131½ - 3 4.5 34.2; 65.00 Schrod Jap Gwth 52 - ½; 19.30 Schrod Korea 292½ + 52½; 11.60 Schrod Splt Cap 41; 68.50 Schrod Split Inct 121 - ½ 8.9 14.5; 63.70 Schrod Splt Zero 168½ - 1½; 278.00 Schrod UK Gwth 121½ - 3½ 3.7 28.8; 155.90 Schrod Vent Intd 156½ - 2½ 1.0 76.0; 962.60 Scot 340 + 2½ 2.1; 446.10 Scot American† 193½ - 3½ 3.2 34.7; 37.00 Scot Assett 111½ + 1 0.9 71.2; 720.70 Scot Eastern 113½ - 3 2.5 44.4; 1,199.30 Scot Mtge 332½ - 3 2.0 55.3; 50.40 Scot Value 108 ... 2.6 25.6; 471.40 Second Allnce 2455 - 47½ 2.7 41.7; 353.10 Secs Tst of Scot† 110½ ... 4.2 37.1; 25.70 Shires Smllr† 131 - 2½ 6.0 20.7; 35.40 Smaller Cos 118 + 1½ ... 25.9; 106.50 St Andrew Inv 309½ - 7½ 4.0 30.3; 304.10 Temple Bar 528 - 7 4.3 26.8; 189.90 Throgmorton 62½ - 2½ 4.7 27.6; 428.30 Totson Fmg Mkt 91 - 2½ 1.5 63.6; 320.60 TR Euro Growth 201½ + 2½ 0.2; 169.50 TR Property 36 + ½ 3.7 26.5; 47.20 TR Tech Inv# 400 ... 8.8 32.0; 113.70 Triaune 524 + 1½ 1.9 58.0; 133.90 Undervalued Ast 131½ + ½ 2.2 33.0; 53.20 Value Inc Tstt 117 - 3 5.2 21.6; 123.50 Value Real 123½ - 3½ 1.2; 30.50 Warrants & Val 32½; 14.20 Whgmore 70 - 4½ 0.7; 1,278.80 Witan 340½ - 6½ 2.7 42.1; 15.90 Yeoman Inc 64½ - ½ ... 4.1; 1,375.00 Thomson Travel 137½ - 5 2.5 17.9; 73.50 Tottenham Hot 73 ... 1.0; 183.20 Vardon 135 - ½ 2.3 17.4; 27.60 Waterlad 87 + 1 ... 13.3; 161.50 Wembley 291½ - 6 1.7 7.6; 9.00 Zetters Gp 125 + 16 11.0 6.9.

## LEISURE & HOTELS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4.47 | ABI Leis# | 13½ | | | |
| 1,794.90 | Airtours | 377½ - | 16½ | 2.1 | 15.4 |
| 29.70 | Ald Leist | 25 | + ½ | 5.2 | 7.6 |
| 22.60 | Arena Leis | 12 | ... | ... | 24.1 |
| 77.80 | Aston Villa | 682½ | - 5 | 1.6 | 9.9 |
| 8.25 | BS Group | 125 | ... | 5.0 | ... |
| 60.10 | Boosey Hwks | 352½ | + 2½ | 3.6 | 20.4 |
| 27.70 | Burnden | 28½ | + ½ | 9.9 | 6.8 |
| 54.40 | Capital Corpn | 53½ | - 1½ | 9.3 | 7.3 |
| 89.20 | Celtic | 297½ | + 5 | ... | 13.1 |
| 64.40 | Chelsea | 61½ | ... | ... | 16.7 |
| 165.90 | Eidos | 955 | + 90 | ... | 9.8 |
| 123.40 | EMC | 128 | - 4 | ... | ... |
| 98.30 | Eurocamp | 241 | + 1 | 5.8 | ... |
| 627.30 | Euro Disney | 82 | - 5 | ... | ... |
| 26.30 | Euro Leisure | 74 | ... | 7.6 | 5.8 |
| 335.20 | First Choice | 99½ | + 1½ | 3.6 | 14.2 |
| 366.10 | First Leisure | 222 | + 18½ | 5.2 | 11.8 |
| 22.80 | Friendly Hotels | 101½ | ... | 7.4 | 7.5 |
| 8,643.70 | Granada | 953 | - 22 | 1.9 | 16.3 |
| 6.84 | Hi-Tec Sports | 13½ | - 2½ | 12.5 | 11.4 |
| 150.00 | Holmes Place | 211½ | - 3½ | 2.7 | 24.5 |
| 14.80 | Hornby | 165 | + 11 | 5.4 | 9.7 |
| 70.20 | Horselock | 292½ | + 61 | 5.0 | ... |
| 207.70 | James Hotels | 118 | - 4½ | 4.9 | 6.9 |
| 203.20 | Jarvis Hotel | 458½ | - 9 | 2.0 | 15.2 |
| 46.10 | Kunick | 21½ | - 1½ | 4.9 | 9.8 |
| 2,667.80 | Ladbroke† | 222½ | - 12½ | 3.2 | 14.6 |
| 246.10 | London Clubs | 167½ | + 36 | 5.3 | 14.9 |
| 93.80 | Macdonald Hlst | 160 | + 9½ | 4.0 | 10.0 |
| 579.40 | Men Utd | 223 | + 1 | 1.0 | 57.5 |
| 278.60 | Mandarin Orntl | 39½ | + ... | 2.7 | 15.7 |
| 555.70 | Millennium & Cop | 383½ | - 16 | 3.0 | 13.8 |
| 10.30 | Millwall Hldgs | 3 | ... | ... | ... |
| 137.50 | Newcastle Utd† | 96 | - 2 | 2.3 | 41.8 |
| 124.60 | Nomura | 101 | - 5½ | 7.1 | 11.2 |
| 6.74 | Prism Leisure | 77½ | ... | 10.3 | 7.2 |
| 19.40 | Queensborough | 17 | - 1 | 3.3 | 6.6 |
| 65.70 | Queens Moat | 17 | - 1½ | ... | 2.7 |
| 1,640.60 | Rank Grpt | 212 | - 3 | 10.1 | 7.9 |
| 92.80 | Regal Hotel | 32 | ... | 5.2 | 6.3 |
| 41.90 | Ryan Hotels IE | 57½ | ... | 4.2 | 9.8 |
| 11.70 | Sheffield United | 23½ | - 1½ | ... | ... |
| 23.20 | Sinclair (Wm) | 102½ | - 2 | 11.1 | 7.2 |
| 11.40 | Southampton | 42 | - 3½ | 3.0 | ... |
| 754.10 | Stakis | 88 | - 8 | 3.4 | 12.0 |
| 310.00 | Stanley Leisure | 278½ | + 12½ | 2.1 | 18.6 |
| 3.06 | Tandem | 3½ | + ½ | ... | ... |
| 1,300.10 | Tanong# | 346 | ... | 1.0 | 33.4 |
| 629.10 | Thistle Hotels | 116 | - 13 | 4.6 | 10.0 |

## MEDIA

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 315.80 | Abbott Mead | 420 | + 4½ | 2.1 | 28.8 |
| 26.20 | Adscene | 118 | ... | 9.0 | 10.5 |
| 837.50 | Aegis Gp | 91½ | + 5 | 0.8 | 33.5 |
| 5.42 | Aspen Gp | 35 | - 14 | 8.9 | ... |
| 129.00 | Atlantic Telecom | 152½ | | | |
| 36.80 | Barbour Index | 212½ | ... | 6.2 | 17.5 |
| 8.40 | Black (A&C) | 400 | - 12½ | 4.4 | 14.1 |
| 34.70 | Border TV | 321½ | - 12 | 2.8 | 37.8 |
| 81.10 | Bristol | 375 | - 3 | 6.0 | 10.1 |
| 73.70 | Bms Allerml | 275 | + 17½ | 1.0 | 32.4 |
| 8,366.20 | BSkyB | 485 | - 7 | 1.5 | 38.0 |
| 418.10 | Capital Radio† | 565 | + 19 | 2.9 | ... |
| 3,114.10 | Carlton Comm | 510½ | - 15½ | 3.0 | 15.6 |
| 64.90 | Character Grp | 313½ | - 25 | 2.2 | 12.0 |
| 59.10 | Chime Comms | 48½ | - 1 | 5.0 | 12.0 |
| 202.40 | Chrysalis | 645½ | + 7½ | 0.4 | ... |
| 6.12 | City of Lon† | 75½ | ... | 10.3 | 12.7 |
| 14.10 | Copyright Proms | 88½ | + 23½ | ... | ... |
| 233.20 | Cordiant Comms | 103½ | ... | 1.2 | 17.1 |
| 120.00 | Daily Mail | 2480 | + 12½ | 1.4 | 20.4 |
| 2,687.30 | Daily Mail A | 2690½ | + 159½ | 1.2 | 22.9 |
| 69.30 | Dialog | 59 | + 2 | ... | ... |
| 197.90 | Dorling Kindt | 276 | - 3 | 1.8 | 30.2 |
| 68.10 | Dudley Jenkns | 490 | + 42½ | 1.7 | ... |
| 2,362.60 | EMAP† | 1124 | + 8 | 1.8 | 21.5 |
| 2,868.90 | EMI | 365 | - 10 | 4.4 | 18.3 |
| 5,057.40 | Elsevier | 758 | + 23½ | 4.0 | 49.7 |
| 310.90 | Euromoney Pbl | 1425 | - 100 | 4.8 | 13.7 |
| 17.30 | Fitch | 44½ | - 1 | 2.0 | 7.3 |
| 962.20 | Flextech | 612½ | - 6 | ... | ... |
| 247.90 | GWR Gp | 226 | + 5 | 2.1 | 21.6 |
| 38.60 | Goodhouse Group | 217½ | - 10 | 4.4 | 8.4 |
| 13.18 | Goodhead | 32½ | - 2½ | 3.1 | 10.3 |
| 114.60 | HIT Entert▼ | 640 | + 22½ | 0.2 | 61.9 |
| 13.90 | Haynes Pub | 207½ | - 7½ | 7.1 | 9.3 |
| 11.40 | Highbury Hse | 12 | + 2½ | ... | 8.3 |
| 86.30 | Hodder H'line | 344½ | + 4 | 3.8 | 13.9 |
| 157.40 | IBC | 397½ | + 1 | 3.4 | 13.1 |
| 46.30 | ITE Group | 29 | + 2 | 7.9 | 4.0 |
| 61.40 | Incepta | 18½ | + 1½ | 2.3 | 8.2 |
| 517.00 | Independent | 207½ | - 2 | 4.2 | 14.5 |
| 3.91 | Infosource | 86½ | - 6 | 6.8 | 8.0 |
| 471.80 | Johnston Press | 210½ | - 3 | 1.9 | 14.9 |
| 115.60 | LLP Group | 238½ | + 6½ | 2.5 | 17.3 |
| 22.30 | Lopex | 41 | - ½ | 3.4 | 7.2 |
| 117.90 | Maiden | 300 | + 10 | 2.6 | 18.7 |
| 5.17 | MediaKey | 7½ | ... | 13.8 | ... |
| 119.20 | Metal Bulletin | 1125 | ... | 2.6 | 27.5 |
| 659.60 | Misc Gp | 144½ | - 1½ | 4.4 | 10.2 |
| 173.10 | NEWSCOM | 712½ | ... | 4.1 | 11.9 |
| 7,515.70 | News Corp | 385½ | - 3½ | 0.3 | 25.0 |
| 5,310.20 | News Corp Pref | 346½ | - 7½ | 0.8 | ... |
| 428.40 | Newsquest | 238½ | - 3 | 2.8 | 9.5 |
| 2.71 | Osprey Comms | 9 | | | |
| 6,668.60 | Pearson | 1095 | - 45 | 2.3 | 38.0 |
| 20.30 | Phonelink | 29½ | + 4 | | |
| 122.10 | Portsmth Sundt | 1017½ | + 12½ | 2.4 | 11.5 |
| 11.90 | Quarto | 64½ | ... | 8.7 | 4.6 |
| 4,899.20 | Reed Intl | 428½ | - 14½ | 4.3 | 47.4 |
| 7,602.40 | Reuters | 535 | - 31 | 3.1 | 19.1 |
| 307.60 | Saatchi | 138 | + 2 | 1.1 | 17.5 |
| 452.60 | Scot Med | 698½ | + 21½ | 4.3 | 14.2 |
| 143.20 | Scott Radio | 532½ | - 2½ | 2.7 | ... |
| 5.34 | Sleepy Kids | 17½ | | | |
| 73.10 | Southnews† | 350 | - 15 | 3.8 | 10.0 |
| 8.64 | Sterling Publ | 10½ | - 1 | 6.3 | 5.3 |
| 9.90 | Taesu | 42½ | + 1 | | |
| 284.30 | Taylor Nelson† | 74 | - 4 | 1.7 | 22.9 |
| 53.80 | Television Co | 207 | + 5 | 2.3 | 15.5 |
| 117.30 | Teneus Gp | 182½ | + 4 | 1.9 | 17.8 |
| 8,408.00 | Thomson Corp | 1383½ | - 71½ | 3.5 | 29.0 |
| 593.70 | Tinney | 426½ | - 7½ | 4.0 | 12.8 |
| 102.40 | Ulster TV | 195 | - 12½ | 3.8 | 16.2 |
| 2,565.00 | United News | 511 | - 67 | 4.7 | 12.0 |
| 45.80 | VCI | 117½ | ... | 8.4 | 16.7 |
| 9.05 | VTR | 83 | + 1½ | 6.5 | 6.2 |
| 2,397.60 | WPP | 313 | - 20½ | 0.8 | 18.4 |
| 133.70 | Wilmington | 187½ | - 2½ | 1.0 | 29.7 |

## MINING

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 973.30 | Ang Am Coal | 3321 | - 12½ | 4.4 | ... |
| 4,152.20 | Ang Am | 1768½ | - 81½ | 4.4 | 8.2 |
| 571.10 | Ang Am Gold | 2385 | + 25 | 5.0 | 19.9 |
| 1,073.60 | Anglo Am Plat | 840½ | - 50 | 3.7 | 7.4 |
| 2,406.80 | Angogold | 2485½ | + 3½ | 6.7 | 15.0 |
| 10.80 | Anglo Pac Grp | 12½ | ... | ... | 23.2 |
| 54.60 | Arcon Intl | 19 | + ... | | |
| 543.60 | Ashanti | 503½ | + 13½ | 2.4 | 16.7 |
| 92.80 | Ashton | 33½ | + 1 | 4.5 | ... |
| 3.82 | Avocet | 15 | - 4 | | |
| 2,715.30 | Billiton | 127 | + 2 | 5.0 | 9.6 |
| 2.84 | Bisichi | 27 | + 1 | 4.2 | 8.1 |
| 29.95 | Bougainville | 7½ | | | |
| 164.30 | Central Pacific | 163½ | - 8½ | | |
| 1.89 | Cons Murchison | 24½ | + ... | | |
| 3,033.40 | De Beers | 798½ | - 40½ | 3.7 | 9.1 |
| 576.90 | Driefontein | 282½ | - ½ | 3.2 | 14.1 |
| 16.00 | Durban | 174½ | - 2 | | |
| 14.78 | E Rand Prop | 9½ | - ½ | | |
| 554.20 | Eng China Clt | 182 | + 2½ | 8.9 | 8.2 |
| 4.49 | FS Dev | 20½ | - ½ | | |
| 107.80 | GFSA | 111 | + 1½ | 20.9 | 15.9 |
| 336.50 | Gencor | 98½ | + 2½ | 5.3 | 10.4 |
| 12.60 | Greenwich R A | 10½ | | | |
| 80.90 | Harmony | 279½ | + 6 | | |
| 510.50 | Impala Plat | 778½ | + 93½ | 4.5 | 10.5 |
| 6.76 | Kenmare Res | 9 | | | |
| 22.30 | Kiesto | 17½ | - 1½ | | |
| 505.60 | Lonrho▼ | 318 | - 26 | 6.6 | 12.6 |
| 5.32 | Meekatharra | 6½ | + ½ | | |
| 432.80 | MIM | 26½ | - 1½ | 3.5 | |
| 2,154.90 | Minorco | 908½ | - 12½ | 4.0 | 11.8 |
| 7.19 | Montagle | 110 | ... | 4.4 | |
| 957.30 | Normandy | 57½ | + 2½ | 3.9 | 18.3 |
| 740.70 | North | 101 | - 7½ | 5.2 | 17.6 |
| 3.53 | Pecalog Tin | 17½ | | | |
| 233.60 | RGC | 111 | + 9 | ... | 6.3 |
| 105.00 | RJB | 72 | + 2½ | 22.6 | 1.2 |
| 3.50 | Richwood† | 8½ | - ½ | ... | 2.5 |
| 98.99 | Randfontein | 146½ | - 8½ | ... | 8.0 |
| 18.60 | Reunion Mng | 47½ | - 3 | | |
| 6,988.00 | Rio Tinto | 658 | - 42 | 4.8 | 12.9 |
| 4,147.40 | Rio Tinto Ltd | 675½ | - 50½ | 4.5 | 14.9 |
| 5.70 | St Barbara | 2½ | | | |
| 15.10 | St Helena | 156½ | - 1½ | 17.4 | 2.6 |
| 179.50 | Sons Gwalia | 374½ | - 5½ | 5.5 | 7.6 |
| 181.20 | Sthern Pacific | 65½ | - 3 | | |
| 1,957.80 | TVAL | 172½ | - 14½ | 2.6 | 22.7 |
| 8.29 | Wankie Col Z | 5½ | ... | 6.0 | 8.0 |
| 1.33 | Water Hall | 18 | | | |
| 68.70 | Watts Blake | 327 | + 1 | 6.7 | 10.1 |
| 111.40 | Zambia Copper | 91 | + 9½ | | |

## OIL & GAS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 247.70 | Abbot Group | 173 | - 11 | 2.0 | 20.1 |
| 5.70 | Alliance Res | 12 | - 1½ | | |
| 8.56 | Amerex | 14 | - 8½ | | |
| 25.20 | Aus Oil & Gas | 55½ | + 4 | 2.7 | 17.0 |
| 1.42 | Avwa Pet | 4½ | | | |
| 449.90 | Br Borneo | 119½ | - 23 | 2.9 | 38.6 |
| 15,181.40 | BG† | 386 | - 24 | 2.7 | 31.6 |
| 50,631.80 | Br Petroleum† | 860½ | + 1 | 3.4 | 27.9 |
| 12.20 | Bula Resources | 0½ | + ½ | | |
| 157.40 | Cairn Energy | 92½ | - 5½ | ... | 38.1 |
| 5,148.10 | Centrica | 115 | - 10½ | ... | |
| | Cityview | 33½ | | | |
| 5.79 | Copley Res | 2½ | | | |
| 55.70 | Dana Pet | 6½ | - ½ | | |
| 88.70 | Dragon Oil | 20 | - ½ | ... | 72.1 |
| 4.54 | Eden Oil & Gs | 13 | ... | 2.9 | |
| 32.50 | Emerald Energy | 3½ | - ½ | | |
| 1,523.30 | Enterprise | 306 | - 2 | 6.5 | 62.1 |
| 51.30 | Fortune | 3½ | - ½ | ... | 17.6 |
| 165.10 | Hardy Oil | 101 | - 18½ | 1.2 | 77.7 |
| 14.70 | JKX Oil & Gas | 12 | - 1 | | |
| 113.50 | KBC Adv Tech | 240 | + 1 | 2.8 | 21.7 |
| 1,110.90 | LASMO | 115 | - 1½ | 3.0 | |
| 1.52 | Lasmo Unit | 21½ | - 1½ | 30.7 | |
| 354.70 | Monument | 40½ | + 2 | ... | 16.3 |
| 4,356.50 | Norsk Hydro | 1807½ | - 112½ | 3.1 | 11.4 |
| 189.10 | Oil Search | 61½ | - 12½ | | |
| 56.20 | Paladin Res | 28 | | | |
| 41.80 | Petroz | 21½ | - 2½ | | |
| 197.50 | Premier | 19 | - 2½ | 4.0 | 6.2 |
| 331.30 | Ranger | 263 | - 8½ | ... | 4.9 |
| 59,512.10 | Royal Dtch Fl | 2775 | + 131½ | 3.7 | 19.1 |
| 13,151.20 | Schlumberger | 2637½ | + 175 | 1.7 | |
| 35,201.80 | Shell | 354 | - 25½ | 3.8 | 19.9 |
| 38.30 | SOCO Intl | 74 | - ½ | ... | 13.6 |
| 14,499.70 | Total | 6012½ | - 308½ | 2.4 | |
| 31.20 | XCL | 155 | - 12½ | | |

## OTHER FINANCIAL

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 145.50 | Aberdeen Asset | 98½ | + ½ | 5.9 | |
| 2,861.80 | AMVESCAP | 431 | - 6½ | 1.6 | 22.1 |
| 44.60 | BWD | 232½ | + 6 | 4.7 | 14.0 |
| 2.63 | Berry Bch Kbl | 40½ | - 2 | 6.2 | |
| 110.80 | Bostech Inv | 186½ | - ½ | | |
| 121.30 | Brewin Dolphin | 387½ | + 9½ | 3.2 | 14.2 |
| 591.30 | Caledonia† | 709 | + 6 | 5.7 | 22.7 |
| 80.00 | Camellia | 3200 | - 250 | 1.4 | 4.8 |
| 899.00 | Cattles | 644 | - 17 | 2.0 | 23.5 |
| 11.10 | Christie | 46 | + 4½ | 4.1 | 9.8 |
| 627.00 | Close Bros | 513½ | - 24 | 3.5 | 13.6 |
| 69.10 | EFM | 248½ | - 2 | 12.6 | 8.9 |
| 21.40 | Euro Sales Fo | 232½ | ... | 0.5 | 20.0 |
| 43.80 | Fishers Intl | 32½ | ... | 2.7 | 15.8 |
| 141.70 | Friends Ivory Sime | 136 | - 4 | 6.7 | 13.8 |
| 252.50 | Guinard† | 325 | - 25 | 6.5 | 9.4 |
| 115.80 | Hitachi Cred | 372½ | + 4 | 2.6 | 20.3 |
| 78.90 | Intercapital | 21½ | + ½ | 4.4 | |
| 6.79 | Investment Co. | 242½ | + 17½ | 2.6 | 12.0 |
| 1,094.30 | Jardine Strat | 90½ | - 12½ | 10.0 | 6.7 |
| 14.70 | Johnson Fry | 96½ | - 2½ | 5.2 | |
| 28.40 | Leopold J | 535 | ... | 5.0 | 19.6 |
| 1,508.20 | Liberty Intl | 466½ | - 8 | 4.9 | 19.3 |
| 136.20 | Lon Forfaiting | 130 | - 2½ | 11.8 | 11.6 |
| 120.50 | London Pacific | 171½ | - 1½ | 10.2 | 6.2 |
| 157.30 | Lon Scot Bk | 122½ | + ½ | 3.6 | 20.8 |
| 806.50 | Man ED & Fi | 282½ | + 8 | 5.0 | 9.5 |
| 1,068.30 | M & G | 1422½ | - 10 | 4.1 | 19.7 |
| 177.60 | Paragon | 153½ | - 11 | 2.2 | |
| 863.80 | Perpetual† | 3027½ | + 3 | 3.1 | 17.1 |
| 2,333.60 | Provident | 890 | - 20 | 3.0 | 24.1 |
| 167.50 | Rathbone Brs | 530 | - 5 | 3.8 | 17.6 |
| 21.00 | Rea Brothers | 42½ | ... | 3.1 | 7.4 |
| 163.40 | Rutland Tst | 54 | - ½ | 4.1 | 13.6 |
| 7.69 | SEC Group | 42½ | - 1 | 15.0 | 11.0 |
| 31.00 | S & U | 262½ | - 7½ | 9.3 | 6.8 |
| 2,547.00 | Schroders | 1127 | - 133 | 1.7 | 19.4 |
| 645.10 | Schroders N/V | 935 | - 115 | 2.1 | 16.1 |
| 87.60 | Sec Tst Bkg | 580 | ... | 5.2 | 11.3 |
| 218.10 | Singer & Fried | 109 | + ½ | 6.4 | 7.3 |
| 6.67 | Tonry Law | 42½ | | | |
| 4.59 | Tno Hldgs | 5½ | + 1 | | |
| 16.10 | Union | 21½ | | | |
| 224.70 | Versailles Grpt | 89 | ... | 0.7 | 34.0 |
| 36.30 | Westpt | 390 | ... | 4.9 | 14.6 |

## PHARMACEUTICALS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 214.60 | Brit Biotech | 32½ | - 3 | | |
| 84.20 | Cantab Pharms | 203½ | - 3 | | |
| 330.70 | Celltech | 430 | - 20 | | |
| 275.60 | Cortecs/science | 246½ | - 51 | | |

## PRINTING & PAPER

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 94.60 | API | 280 | - 12½ | 5.6 | 7.6 |
| 35.50 | App Holo | 134 | - ½ | ... | 24.1 |
| 894.30 | Arjo Wiggins | 106½ | - 2 | 7.7 | 5.4 |
| 106.20 | Bemrose | 247½ | - 14½ | 8.4 | 6.0 |
| 1,213.10 | Bowater Inc | 2393½ | - 75 | | |
| 86.80 | Bownor Ind | 120½ | - 7 | 3.5 | 8.1 |
| 103.90 | Br Polymer | 253½ | - 11½ | 10.2 | 6.1 |
| 1,102.00 | Bunzl† | 243 | - 2 | 2.9 | 13.2 |
| 11.90 | Capital Inds | 43½ | - 4 | 12.2 | |
| 13.30 | Cropper (James) | 158½ | + 3½ | 4.0 | 13.1 |
| 382.70 | De La Rue | 161 | - 8½ | 5.4 | 10.2 |
| 50.00 | Delphic Pack | 210 | - 2½ | 5.1 | 9.2 |
| 17.40 | Ferguson Intl | 45 | - 2 | | |
| 42.00 | Filofax | 205 | - 1½ | 2.5 | 21.7 |
| 13.70 | Inpress | 27 | ... | 26.8 | 15.2 |
| 40.40 | Jarvis Porter† | 85 | - 5½ | 11.5 | 5.5 |
| 26.60 | LIBERtabrica | 11½ | ... | 6.7 | 4.6 |
| 154.10 | Low & Bonar | 195 | + 17½ | 11.0 | 5.1 |
| 5.89 | Lowe (Robert)† | 4½ | ... | 7.8 | 3.7 |
| 91.40 | MY Holdings | 67½ | ... | 5.4 | 8.3 |
| 84.30 | Macfarlane | 66½ | + ... | 8.5 | 6.7 |
| 174.40 | Photobition† | 235 | + 9 | 0.7 | 25.8 |
| 49.90 | Plysu | 101½ | - 3½ | 10.3 | 7.0 |
| 25.10 | Porter Chadbrn† | 20½ | - 2½ | 5.1 | 6.0 |
| 669.50 | REXAM† | 169½ | - 3 | 10.4 | 5.5 |
| 138.30 | RPC | 161 | - 2 | 5.8 | 10.6 |
| 354.50 | St Ives Gp | 344½ | - 5 | 4.6 | 10.1 |
| 507.30 | Sappi | 226½ | - 10½ | | |
| 48.40 | Sidlaw | 70½ | ... | 4.4 | |
| 307.90 | Smith David | 95 | - 12 | 10.2 | 10.8 |
| 1,212.40 | Smurfit (Jeff) | 110 | - 2½ | 4.0 | |
| 23.60 | Somic† | 72½ | - 1½ | 5.7 | 7.8 |
| 1.45 | Trace | 32 | + | | |
| 177.60 | Waddington | 167½ | + 4 | 8.3 | 6.6 |
| 84.20 | Wyndeham† | 209½ | + 4 | 3.9 | 10.3 |

Column head: 12.10 Core Group 41½ - 2; 16.20 Cortecs 10½ - 3½; 70,629.00 Glaxo Well 1950 + 15 1.8 54.2; 79.00 Goldshield† 245½; 105.50 ICI Biomedia 234 + ½; 81.20 ML Laboratories 56 - 1; 320.30 Medeva 94½ - 2 5.9 4.7; 45.20 Oxford Molecular 52 - 3½; 35.80 Peptide Thera 88½ - 2½; 49.00 Phytopharm 159 - 12½; 337.10 Powderject 525 - 30; 27.80 Proteus Intl 37½ + 2; 6.52 Ransom (Wm) 41½ ... 6.2 8.7; 50.50 Oxdrad Health 85½ - 3; 60.30 Shire 76½ - 7; 583.50 Shire Pharms 415 - 7; 336.00 ShyePharma 81½ - 2½; 43,125.70 SmithKline† 773 + 14½ 1.5 36.5; 37.90 Therp Ant Inc 53½; 43.90 Vanguard 158½ - 42; 14.00 Xenova 53 - 1; 24,436.80 Zeneca 2575 + 175 1.9 33.5

## PROPERTY

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7.73 | Albemarle▲ | 3 | | | |
| 51.90 | Allied Lon | 73½ | - 1½ | 6.4 | 7.6 |
| 95.90 | Asda | 121½ | - ½ | 3.1 | 13.4 |
| 12.90 | Ashquay Grp | 25½ | + 1 | 1.0 | 28.7 |
| 92.20 | Ashtenne Hldgs | 132½ | - ½ | 4.9 | 14.0 |
| 158.60 | Benchmark | 131½ | - 3½ | 3.3 | 10.8 |
| 271.00 | Bilton | 308 | - ½ | 4.5 | 21.3 |
| 61.60 | Birby | 167½ | + 4½ | 6.5 | 9.0 |
| 0.89 | Bonno Gp | 1½ | ... | | |
| 29.60 | Bourne Estt | 36½ | ... | 4.1 | 39.5 |
| 317.70 | Bradford† | 214½ | + ... | 5.5 | 14.7 |
| 2,305.10 | Br Land† | 445 | - 41 | 2.3 | 26.9 |
| 389.90 | Brixton | 161½ | - 1½ | 6.8 | 11.9 |
| 338.40 | Burford | 80 | ... | 3.8 | 25.2 |
| 124.00 | CLS Hldgs | 110 | - 1½ | 6.6 | 13.6 |
| 153.70 | Cap & Regnl | 156½ | + ... | 3.0 | 17.0 |
| 1,313.10 | Cap Shop Cts | 321½ | - 26½ | 3.8 | 19.8 |
| 8.00 | Cardiff Prop | 242 | ... | 1.6 | 34.2 |
| 13.30 | Carrey Intl | 4½ | | | |
| 603.60 | Chelsfield | 251½ | - 1½ | 1.7 | 30.4 |
| 91.40 | Chesterfield | 384 | + 1 | 4.4 | 36.4 |
| 14.40 | Chesterton Inl | 17 | - ½ | ... | 7.1 |
| 21.60 | City North | 98½ | ... | 2.8 | 25.0 |
| 5.46 | City Site Ests | 32½ | + 5 | | |
| 26.00 | Cleveland Tst | 87 | ... | 8.6 | 14.0 |
| 34.00 | CNC Propct | 78½ | - 3½ | 5.4 | 7.6 |
| 69.30 | Compco | 204 | - 5 | 2.9 | 14.7 |
| 180.90 | Daejan | 1110 | + 5 | 4.7 | 10.4 |
| 42.90 | Delancey Tech | 86½ | ... | 5.1 | 8.6 |
| 154.20 | Delancey Ests | 101 | + ½ | 2.8 | 58.0 |
| 32.30 | Dencora | 172½ | ... | 3.6 | 10.6 |
| 241.80 | Derwent Hldgs | 457 | - 3 | 1.9 | 32.4 |
| 58.70 | Development Sec | 209½ | + 1 | 1.8 | 35 |
| 26.40 | Estates Agency† | 440 | ... | 5.5 | 21.6 |
| 21.90 | Estates Gen | 70½ | ... | 1.8 | 19.9 |
| 135.80 | Evans Of Leeds† | 101½ | + 5½ | 4.8 | 13.8 |
| 3.09 | Fletcher King | 25½ | - ½ | 9.2 | 10.0 |
| 6.55 | Fokes Group | 50 | + ½ | 6.0 | 6.7 |
| 12.70 | Fokes Group nv | 57½ | ... | 6.1 | 6.5 |
| 209.40 | Frogmore | 383½ | ... | 6.8 | 9.7 |
| 5.70 | Golden Land Inv | 8 | | | |
| 78.60 | Grainger | 280 | ... | 3.4 | 12.8 |
| 722.70 | Gt Portland | 191½ | + 3½ | 5.9 | 18.7 |
| 277.80 | Grantchester | 142 | ... | 1.0 | |
| 169.60 | Greycoat | 156½ | + 9½ | 1.2 | 23.2 |
| 1,010.10 | Hammerson† | 350½ | - 20 | 4.0 | 19.2 |
| 19.60 | Hampton Trust | 16½ | - ½ | | |
| 88.30 | Helical Bar† | 490 | - 2½ | 2.4 | 6.5 |
| 47.00 | Hemingway | 24½ | ... | 3.2 | 20.8 |
| 2,041.90 | Hk Land | 78½ | - 6½ | 9.4 | 8.2 |
| 41.50 | Jermyn | 267½ | - 2½ | 2.9 | 31.1 |
| 26.10 | LSH | 140½ | - 3 | 4.7 | 8.0 |
| 23.30 | Landis Imp | 89 | + 2 | 6.6 | |
| 4,259.80 | Land Secs† | 774½ | + 4½ | 4.6 | 20.4 |
| 16.70 | Lon & Assoc | 22 | - ½ | 5.1 | 9.5 |
| 239.50 | Lon Merch Sect | 107 | ... | 6.2 | 14.4 |
| 1,356.90 | MEPC | 391½ | - 7½ | 3.1 | 17.3 |
| 40.70 | MWB Group | 73½ | ... | 6.4 | 5.6 |
| 54.80 | McKay Secs | 135 | ... | 4.9 | 16.0 |
| 10.70 | Manrale Ests | 66½ | - 3½ | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| 97.00 | Minerva | 218½ | - 10½ | 3.0 | 15.5 |
| 212.60 | Minerva† | 166½ | - 8½ | 1.6 | |
| 73.70 | Morfield Est | 16½ | - 1 | 4.4 | 14.5 |
| 80.70 | Mountview | 1759½ | - 16½ | 3.4 | 9.7 |
| 141.10 | Mucklow (A&J)† | 145 | + 3 | 6.5 | 14.7 |
| 199.70 | NHP† | 150 | - 4 | 6.6 | 16.5 |
| 2.41 | OEM | 33 | + 1½ | ... | 2.9 |
| 3.37 | ORB | 51 | - ½ | ... | 14.7 |
| 385.50 | Peel | 500 | + 2½ | 2.1 | |
| 405.40 | Pillar Prop | 244½ | - 3½ | 3.1 | 35.9 |
| 14.20 | Primary Hlth | 88½ | ... | 8.2 | 16.2 |
| 9.02 | Prowis Ests | 5½ | | | |
| 138.90 | Quintain† | 152½ | ... | 3.3 | 30.8 |
| 38.90 | Raglan† | 24½ | ... | 6.6 | 9.1 |
| 30.70 | Regalian | 17½ | + ... | 7.0 | 17.2 |
| 22.70 | Rugby Est | 133½ | - ½ | 2.9 | 3.6 |
| 78.50 | St Modwen Prp | 65 | - ½ | 6.0 | 7.9 |
| 123.40 | Savile Grcn | 58½ | - 2½ | 6.7 | 17.5 |
| 49.10 | Savills | 91½ | ... | 6.5 | 5.5 |
| 95.60 | Scot Met† | 73 | ... | 5.7 | 11.6 |
| 184.90 | Shelton/nsy | 172 | + 1 | 1.8 | |
| 1,065.70 | Slough Estates | 262 | - 1 | 3.9 | 16.6 |
| 26.80 | Smart (J)† | 266 | ... | 4.8 | 9.7 |
| 415.50 | TBH | 94 | - 1 | 2.3 | 24.1 |
| 56.00 | Topps Ests | 116 | - 2 | 3.4 | 19.9 |
| 76.30 | Town Centre† | 61½ | - 2½ | 8.4 | 9.6 |
| 7.52 | Ur Land | 80 | ... | 5.3 | 6.3 |
| 105.00 | Warner | 205 | - 9 | 8.0 | 13.6 |
| 88.30 | Warnford† | 230 | ... | 4.2 | 13.2 |
| 195.90 | Westco | 74 | ... | ... | 20.9 |
| 69.30 | Workspace Grp | 439½ | + 16 | 5.1 | 14.8 |

## RETAILERS, FOOD

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4,378.70 | ASDA Group | 145½ | - 13½ | 3.1 | 15.8 |
| 67.40 | Alldays | 152½ | - 16 | 15.7 | 4.1 |
| 96.90 | Budgens | 56½ | - 1½ | 3.4 | 10.7 |
| 1,230.40 | Dairy Farm Intl | 65 | - 12½ | 5.6 | 11.8 |
| 86.80 | Exeplak | 185 | - 1 | 4.1 | 12.1 |
| 363.90 | Fyffes | 123 | + 6 | 3.2 | 14.4 |
| 290.10 | Greggs | 2457½ | - 37½ | 2.0 | 19.4 |
| 305.40 | Iceland Group | 225 | - ½ | 5.0 | 15.0 |
| 2,252.50 | Morrison (W) | 296½ | - 5½ | 0.9 | 22.9 |
| 56.10 | Park Group | 34 | ... | 10.5 | 14.7 |
| 3,145.60 | Safeway† | 284½ | - 4½ | 6.2 | 13.3 |
| 8,627.80 | Sainsbury J† | 451 | - 24½ | 3.9 | 16.6 |
| 2,015.70 | Somerfield | 415 | - 17 | 3.4 | 13.2 |
| 195.00 | T & S Stores | 270½ | + 1½ | 4.1 | 14.0 |
| 10,982.40 | Tesco▼ | 165 | - 1 | 3.0 | 18.7 |
| 155.80 | Thorntons | 236 | - 13 | 3.4 | 17.4 |

## RETAILERS, GENERAL

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 34.40 | A de Gruchy | 225 | - 5 | 4.9 | 12.7 |
| 112.40 | Alexon | 191½ | - 12 | ... | 10.3 |
| 76.10 | Alders | 98 | + ½ | 9.9 | |
| 37.50 | Allied Carpets | 41½ | - 5½ | 23.7 | 5.3 |
| 354.70 | Arcadia Group | 187½ | + 5 | 8.7 | 5.8 |
| 66.60 | Ashley (Laura) | 16½ | + 1½ | | |
| 28.10 | Austin Reed | 89½ | ... | 10.5 | 5.7 |
| 34.30 | Beale | 114½ | - ½ | 5.5 | 7.4 |
| 66.40 | Bentalls (J) | 160 | - 1½ | 8.0 | 10.6 |
| 33.20 | Bentalls | 79½ | + 6 | 6.1 | 8.4 |
| 74.50 | Blacks Leis | 222½ | + 11 | 3.3 | 7.6 |
| 140.70 | Body Shop† | 72½ | - 6 | 9.8 | 7.9 |
| 8,363.10 | Boots† | 915 | - 65 | 7.7 | 22.5 |
| 129.60 | Brown & Jackson | 78 | + 2½ | ... | 14.4 |
| 388.40 | Brown (N)† | 266 | - 4 | 3.6 | 15.4 |
| 146.90 | Carpetright | 190 | ... | 14.5 | 7.4 |
| 22.00 | Church | 298 | ... | 7.5 | 7.9 |
| 96.20 | Clinton Cards | 140 | + 6½ | 2.9 | 12.8 |
| 47.40 | Country Gdns | 161 | - 12½ | 1.5 | 15.9 |
| 136.40 | Courts Furnish | 222½ | - 15 | 2.5 | ... |
| 170.60 | DFS Furniture† | 164 | - 2½ | 11.0 | 7.4 |
| 1,265.70 | Debenhams | 334½ | + 1 | 3.7 | 13.2 |
| 3,164.50 | Dixons Grp | 731½ | - 18½ | 2.2 | 19.8 |
| 204.10 | Etc Boutique | 76½ | - 1 | 0.3 | 21.8 |
| 5.66 | ERA Gp | 4½ | ... | ... | 2.0 |
| 1.37 | Essex Furnit# | 11½ | ... | 2.9 | 2.6 |
| 5.09 | Falkland Isls | 83½ | - 3 | ... | 35.9 |
| 73.20 | Fine Art Devt | 95½ | - 3½ | 13.1 | 5.0 |
| 40.90 | Flying Flw Bks | 172½ | + 1 | 5.3 | 9.8 |
| 13.00 | Formquest† | 52½ | ... | 8.1 | 4.7 |
| 57.00 | French Conn | 310 | ... | 1.4 | 10.4 |
| 9.02 | Gieves | 29 | ... | 5.8 | 9.1 |
| 25.90 | Goldsmiths Grp† | 108 | - 1½ | 9.5 | 5.5 |
| 77.80 | Grampian Hldgs | 72½ | - 4 | 12.6 | 9.8 |
| 5,935.40 | GUS | 590 | + 31 | 4.3 | 14.4 |
| 39.20 | Hamleys | 139 | - 8½ | 9.8 | 6.6 |
| 6.81 | Hampden Grp | 44½ | ... | 9.1 | 0.2 |
| 50.20 | Harveys Furn | 71½ | - 2 | 15.7 | 4.2 |
| 137.80 | Hse of Fraser† | 59½ | - 7 | 11.6 | 6.4 |
| 38.40 | Hughes (TJ)† | 145 | - 1½ | 3.0 | 12.6 |
| 300.00 | JJB Sports | 390 | - 2 | 3.8 | 8.7 |
| 8,229.50 | Kingfisher | 606 | + 89½ | 2.9 | 19.3 |
| 25.00 | Liberty | 110 | - 32½ | | |
| 31.50 | Limelight | 31½ | + 1½ | | |
| 172.50 | MFI | 29 | - 2 | 21.1 | 4.2 |
| 11,220.00 | Marks Spencer† | 392 | - 2 | 4.6 | 15.0 |
| 38.10 | Merchant Retail† | 37 | ... | 2.2 | 12.6 |
| 99.40 | Moss Bros | 109½ | - 15 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| 310.90 | New Look† | 155 | - 4½ | 4.0 | 11.3 |
| 1,589.50 | Next | 425 | + 1 | 5.4 | 11.4 |
| 76.90 | Oasis Stores | 146 | - 9 | 6.0 | 9.8 |
| 7.94 | Oliver (G) | 15½ | | | |
| 170.60 | Omnisence Intl | 172 | ... | 9.6 | 7.0 |
| 3.65 | Parmusst | 19½ | + 1 | 9.6 | |
| 16.20 | Partridge Fine | 73½ | + 1 | 8.8 | 5.8 |
| 10.90 | QS Grp | 27½ | | | |
| 25.60 | Resolvas | 69 | - ½ | 21.6 | 2.8 |
| 52.70 | Sale Givart | 59 | + 1½ | 15.3 | 6.4 |
| 408.50 | Sears | 267½ | + 3½ | 3.8 | 6.1 |
| 300.60 | Selfridges | 216½ | - 2½ | 1.6 | |
| 519.20 | Signet Group | 31 | - 1½ | ... | 8.9 |
| 1,183.20 | Smith (WH) | 471 | - ½ | 3.4 | 14.6 |
| 644.30 | Somerfield | 1155 | - 80 | 2.1 | |
| 602.10 | Storehouse | 142 | - 5 | 6.2 | 6.5 |
| 18.80 | Style Hldgs | 119 | - 2 | 1.6 | 15.2 |
| 20.50 | Stylo† | 35 | ... | 16.6 | |
| 11.10 | TV Pack | 22½ | - 1 | 2.8 | |
| 5.46 | Upton & Smth | 2½ | | | |
| 134.70 | Wickes | 177 | + 9½ | 2.8 | 9.3 |
| 126.30 | Vivecon | 321½ | + 1 | 2.8 | 19.7 |

## SUPPORT SERVICES

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 998.30 | AEA Tech | 652 | - 67 | 1.6 | 30.2 |
| 15.70 | Abacus Recruit | 302½ | - 10 | 0.9 | 11.2 |
| 76.20 | ADBR | 22 | - 3½ | | |
| 470.70 | Acsyteta | 171½ | + 1½ | 1.2 | 23.2 |
| 7.80 | Actlo Avals | 43½ | - ½ | 15.3 | 6.7 |
| 23.60 | Agmason | 41 | - 1 | | |
| 101.10 | Anie Grp | 42 | - ½ | 0.7 | 15.7 |
| 451.60 | Andal WS | 617 | + 12 | 2.1 | 22.7 |
| 18.60 | BNB Res | 82½ | ... | 11.5 | 6.9 |
| 126.50 | BPP | 480 | + 2½ | 4.8 | 15.3 |
| 326.20 | BTG | 385 | - 5 | 0.2 | |
| 36.51 | Baldwin Ind | 127½ | - 1 | 1.0 | 5.1 |
| 20.60 | Brandon Hire | 61½ | - 3 | 6.1 | 16.6 |
| 11.50 | Burnic Service | 90 | - 2½ | 6.0 | 8.3 |
| 207.20 | Busness Post | 392½ | + 37½ | 4.8 | 16.0 |
| 1,860.00 | CMG | 1452 | + 37 | 0.4 | 59.8 |
| 20.70 | Capel Gp | 185 | - 5 | 2.4 | 12.6 |
| 13.10 | Calluebush | 39½ | - ½ | 4.7 | 5.8 |
| 987.50 | Capita Group | 493 | + 8½ | 0.6 | 67.5 |
| 3.02 | Chemex | 7½ | ... | 5.1 | |
| 795.80 | Computacenter | 444½ | - 17 | 0.9 | 19.0 |
| 326.80 | Corp Services▼ | 137 | - 2½ | 5.9 | 9.3 |
| 12.80 | Coutts Consltg | 26 | + ½ | 1.7 | |
| 114.50 | DCS Gp | 497½ | + 5 | 0.6 | 28.0 |
| 149.00 | Danka Bc Sys | 65½ | + 18 | 3.0 | |
| 480.60 | Davis Service | 346½ | + 9 | 4.2 | 15.9 |
| 80.40 | Delon | 273½ | - 4 | 3.4 | 16.2 |
| 199.40 | Diploma | 942½ | + 17½ | 0.4 | 51.5 |
| 9.03 | Eurocopy | 18½ | ... | 13.3 | 3.7 |
| 17.00 | El Dow Plc | 65 | - 3½ | 4.3 | 10.4 |
| 561.30 | FI Group | 232½ | - 10 | 0.6 | 74.9 |
| 216.20 | Guinoon JJ | 473 | + 16½ | 0.1 | 67.3 |
| 22.70 | HW Group | 85½ | ... | 3.3 | 6.7 |
| 59.10 | Harvey Nash | 245 | - 3½ | 2.5 | 14.0 |
| 3,732.30 | Hays▼ | 435 | - 40 | 1.5 | 26.3 |
| 19.60 | Hercules Propt | 220 | - 5 | 2.8 | 7.5 |
| 8.50 | High-Frontier | 36½ | + 1 | ... | 5.7 |
| 169.70 | Hogg Robinson | 209½ | ... | 6.8 | 13.5 |
| 122.20 | Holvang | 121½ | - 19 | 7.6 | 6.2 |
| 66.10 | JBA Hldgs† | 180 | - 2½ | 3.5 | 49.9 |
| 125.50 | Johnson Svce | 249 | + 2½ | 6.5 | 8.6 |
| 16.50 | Kalamazoo | 38½ | - 3 | | |
| 161.60 | Kewill Syst | 1207½ | + 21½ | 1.1 | 25.7 |
| 4.67 | Laser-Scan | 14½ | | | |
| 70.30 | Lavendon | 275 | - 6 | 1.9 | 16.7 |
| 1,762.90 | Logica | 477½ | + 44½ | 0.6 | 56.4 |
| 22.70 | Lorien | 116 | - 1½ | 8.1 | 5.6 |
| 172.60 | Lynx Group† | 161½ | - 6½ | 1.5 | 18.6 |
| 100.00 | MDIS | 47 | ... | ... | 24.7 |
| 107.40 | MMT Compt | 835 | - 30 | 2.1 | 19.3 |
| 55.50 | MH Group | 99½ | + 2 | 5.1 | 12.2 |
| 66.00 | Malbo 4 | 335 | ... | 9.7 | 9.9 |
| 58.10 | Marlborough Int | 220 | ... | ... | 26.5 |
| 99.20 | Mansmore Abacy | 116 | + 4½ | 1.1 | 20.1 |
| 149.30 | Micro Focus | 104 | - 17½ | ... | 14.9 |
| 48.10 | Mitroglich | 110½ | ... | 2.9 | |
| 2,135.60 | Misys | 320 | - 29 | 0.9 | 28.7 |
| 172.30 | MRE Co | 128½ | - 2½ | 1.2 | 25.8 |
| 31.10 | Nord Anglia† | 158 | - 15½ | 3.6 | |
| 31.40 | Ortec | 28 | - 6 | 7.4 | 6.7 |
| 67.60 | PSD | 290 | - 7½ | 4.4 | 8.7 |
| 22.10 | Paidy | 446½ | - 12½ | 1.6 | 18.7 |
| 21.40 | Pegasus | 305 | - 7 | 3.1 | 13.3 |
| 34.00 | Pennex | 221 | ... | 1.5 | 7.3 |
| 245.60 | Photo-Me | 342½ | - 12½ | 2.4 | 26.1 |
| 23.63 | Plane | 36 | + 9 | | |
| 16.70 | Proudfoot | 21 | - ½ | 4.5 | 4.4 |
| 16.90 | RCO | 157½ | - ½ | 11.9 | 23.6 |
| 62.10 | RPS Group | 393 | + 2 | 1.7 | 28.0 |
| 30.80 | Real Time | 440 | + 5 | 2.1 | 12.5 |
| 101.30 | Reltus | 109 | - 7½ | 2.5 | 17.1 |
| 30.96 | Reed Executive | 72½ | - 6 | 5.7 | 3.6 |
| 41.80 | Reliance Sec | 192½ | + 11½ | 5.4 | 11.2 |
| 11,255.50 | Rentokil Intl | 393 | + 7 | 1.8 | 35.8 |
| 9.80 | Ricardo Group | 205½ | ... | 4.0 | 20.2 |
| 23.60 | Rolfe & Nolan | 177½ | - 15 | 1.9 | |
| 75.80 | Royalblue | 272½ | - 15 | 1.1 | 35.2 |
| 1,012.40 | Sage Gp | 1390 | - 87 | 0.2 | 47.4 |
| 71.40 | Sanderson† | 150 | + 5 | 4.3 | 12.5 |
| 631.40 | Select App | 598½ | + ... | 0.5 | 23.4 |
| 2,434.10 | Serco Gp | 528 | + 28 | 0.5 | 49.8 |
| 664.50 | Serco Gp | 1035 | + 60 | 0.8 | 38.9 |
| 411.00 | Shanks & McEwan | 205½ | ... | 2.7 | 20.5 |
| 120.30 | Sherwood Intl | 1200 | + 10 | 0.6 | 44.0 |
| 64.20 | Simon Grp | 40 | - 2½ | 3.0 | 8.1 |
| 34.10 | Stateplay | 36 | + 3½ | | |
| 144.80 | Stategroup | 176 | + 3 | 3.1 | 16.1 |
| 155.40 | Spring Gp | 107½ | - 29 | 4.0 | 11.5 |
| 22.20 | StarPlus | 121½ | ... | 11.6 | 10.8 |
| 17.70 | Superscape VR | 143½ | - 9½ | | |
| 26.70 | Torex | 96½ | + 2 | 3.4 | 13.9 |
| 23,079.80 | Tyco Intl | 3950 | - 50 | 0.2 | |
| 42.90 | WSP Group | 138½ | - 1½ | 2.7 | 15.6 |
| 34.10 | Water Hewdt | 141 | ... | 10.6 | 6.5 |
| 195.40 | Wastc Recyd | 317½ | - 1 | 0.8 | 31.9 |
| 24.60 | Windhead Ulcent | 158 | - 8½ | 6.1 | 9.3 |
| 16.10 | White Young Grn | 82½ | ... | 5.8 | 5.9 |
| 2,461.00 | Williams | 338 | - 29 | 5.0 | 18.2 |
| 63.50 | Zergo | 350 | + 90 | | |

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 54,789.30 | BT | 848 | + 19½ | 2.9 | 25.0 |
| 5,190.00 | COLT Telecom | 875 | - 97 | | |
| 16,714.80 | Cable Wireless | 695 | - 87 | 2.0 | 24.8 |
| 7,603.70 | Cable&Wire Coms | 524 | - 2 | ... | 51.7 |
| 2,126.10 | Energis | 1235 | + 127½ | | |
| 40.50 | Euro Telecom† | 134 | + 1 | 3.0 | 16.7 |
| 7,283.80 | Orange | 608 | + 8 | | |
| 2,866.80 | Securicor | 477 | + 19 | 0.5 | 45.9 |
| 3,187.10 | TeleWest | 149 | + 8 | | |
| 27,289.10 | Vodafone† | 862 | - 37½ | 0.8 | 54.5 |

## TRANSPORT

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24.40 | Air London† | 271 | + 1 | 3.7 | 12.4 |
| 2,949.40 | All Nippon Air | 204½ | - 6 | | |
| 797.70 | Airtva | 355½ | - 80 | 4.7 | 10.1 |
| 1,089.00 | Assoc Br Ports | 301 | - ½ | 3.9 | 14.7 |
| 50.40 | Autologic | 190½ | + 1½ | 4.9 | 8.6 |
| 1,306.80 | Avis Europe | 229 | - 9½ | 1.7 | 23.1 |
| 1,047.60 | BAA† | 665 | - 10 | 2.6 | 18.3 |
| 3,701.30 | Br Airways† | 361 | - 29½ | 6.7 | 7.3 |
| 11.00 | Clarkson (H) | 77½ | - 1 | 6.5 | 10.7 |
| 82.00 | Clydeport | 136½ | - 3 | 3.6 | 10.9 |
| 57.70 | Dart | 176½ | - 1 | 2.6 | 15.6 |
| 633.30 | Eurotunnel Uts | 75 | - 1 | | |
| 1,386.00 | FirstGroup | 401½ | - 26 | 2.2 | 22.5 |
| 36.90 | Fisher (James) | 76½ | ... | 5.6 | 6.7 |
| 279.00 | Foam Fairs | 582½ | - 17½ | 2.2 | 13.2 |
| 29.60 | Frontline | 400 | ... | ... | 13.5 |
| 350.50 | Go-Ahead | 711 | - 14 | 1.8 | 16.3 |
| 164.60 | Goode Durant | 275 | - 12 | 5.4 | 7.3 |
| 89.60 | Helphac Go▼ | 547½ | + ... | 0.4 | 58.5 |
| 187.80 | Irish Cont | 720 | ... | 0.9 | 15.4 |
| 61.50 | Jacobs | 60 | - 1 | 4.8 | 13.9 |
| 449.50 | Mersey Docks | 500 | - 9 | 3.8 | 19.0 |
| 106.60 | Menzies | 355½ | - 5 | 2.5 | |
| 602.30 | NFC | 115 | - 1 | 7.7 | 11.9 |
| 1,253.40 | Natl Express | 1099½ | - 29½ | 1.6 | 21.8 |
| 1,062.00 | Ocean Group | 663½ | - 51 | 2.5 | 19.6 |
| 35.70 | Ocean Wilson | 85 | ... | 6.5 | 5.4 |
| 4,475.30 | P & O Dfd† | 696 | - 35 | 5.1 | 15.0 |
| 82.60 | P & O 5.5% | 124 | - 5 | 5.5 | |
| 89.60 | Press Rol | 356 | - 15 | 6.8 | 10.8 |
| 7,103.10 | Railtrack | 1401 | - 171 | 2.1 | 18.7 |
| 254.60 | Salvesen (C) | 96 | - 3 | 5.7 | 10.0 |
| 7.56 | Seacon | 37½ | - 1 | 5.7 | 20.1 |
| 10.60 | Seaacow Shs | 169 | - 14 | 2.9 | 5.4 |
| 47.20 | Sercian | 116 | - ½ | 6.7 | 6.2 |
| 2,916.20 | Stagecoach | 228½ | - 15½ | 1.4 | 20.9 |
| 141.00 | Tibbet & Britn | 207½ | - 3½ | 3.7 | 8.5 |
| 167.40 | TDG | 240 | ... | 3.3 | 16.3 |
| 92.20 | Ugand | 70½ | ... | 8.8 | 4.7 |
| 5.25 | Utd Canuts | 15½ | - 1 | 14.5 | |

## WATER

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2,256.60 | Anglian Water | 832 | - 6½ | 6.9 | 9.9 |
| 136.60 | East Surrey† | 575½ | - 3½ | 5.6 | 5.5 |
| 1,153.60 | Hyder† | 764 | - 22½ | 6.6 | 7.7 |
| 256.70 | Hydro Cm Pd | 124 | ... | 7.9 | |
| 115.90 | Mid Kent Hlgs | 670 | - 10 | 6.0 | 7.9 |
| 1,476.30 | Pennon | 1096 | + 32 | 4.5 | 13.6 |
| 3,417.00 | Severn Trent† | 1005 | - 22 | 4.1 | 11.3 |
| 222.80 | South Staffs† | 1712½ | ... | 2.7 | 13.7 |
| 4,104.20 | Thames | 1176 | + 1 | 4.2 | 12.6 |
| 4,545.70 | Utd Utilities | 825 | - 33 | 5.1 | 11.4 |
| 2,201.40 | Yorkshire | 554½ | + 4½ | 4.4 | 11.3 |

## ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

| Mkt cap (million) | Company | Price (p) | Wkly +/- | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3.00 | 10 Grp | 1½ | | | |
| 12.90 | AFA Systems | 110½ | | | |
| 29.40 | Access Plus | 175 | ... | 2.6 | 14.7 |
| 29.20 | Albemarle & Sdt | 64 | - ½ | 2.0 | 17.4 |
| 36.70 | Anglo Siam Oil | 101 | | | |
| 57.10 | Antonov | 7½ | - | | |
| 17.90 | Aviech | 8½ | | | |
| 78.30 | Asa Leisure | 345 | - 27½ | 0.4 | 30.5 |
| 54.00 | BATM Adv Comms | 176½ | + 3 | 1.7 | |
| 16.10 | BCO Technologies | 90 | - 25 | | |
| 21.90 | BGR | 140 | - 7½ | 2.6 | 15.3 |
| 16.50 | Barningham Cty | 55 | | | |
| 15.30 | CA Cousis Hldgs | 12½ | ... | 3.6 | 12.3 |
| 7.05 | Cale Inns▼ | 141 | - 1 | 3.0 | 10.7 |
| 68.70 | Card Clear | 42½ | - 1 | 0.6 | 16.7 |
| 21.40 | CI Comms(TV) | 5½ | ... | 3.4 | 17.0 |
| 13.90 | Chestnutt Adt | 49 | - 3 | | |
| 112.00 | Chelsea Village | 71 | - 3½ | ... | 51.2 |
| 110.00 | Cinema | 21½ | - 4½ | | |
| 34.30 | Citadel | 103½ | ... | 2.2 | 64.0 |
| 12.40 | Coffee Rep | 15 | | | |
| 26.10 | Comcast | 196½ | - 5 | 2.4 | 13.9 |
| 22.00 | Computerland UK | 150 | - 7½ | 0.9 | 24.9 |
| 16.20 | Deep Sea Leisure | 35½ | - ½ | ... | 20.4 |
| 9.20 | Desire Petroleum | 19½ | ... | ... | 55.6 |
| 13.20 | Dimension Syst | 21 | - 1½ | | |
| 16.50 | Dobbies Garden | 250 | ... | 2.3 | 15.2 |
| 21.80 | Dragon Health | 181½ | ... | 2.0 | 19.6 |
| 32.90 | Eannes | 160 | - 14½ | | |
| 40.80 | Esc Retail Sys | 150 | | | |
| 22.20 | Enterprises | 61½ | ... | 7.0 | 5.9 |
| 130.80 | Ferraz | 335½ | + 27 | | |
| 14.80 | Freestone Dmst | 65½ | - 1½ | | |
| 107.00 | Forest Frd | 206½ | - 20 | ... | 40.9 |
| 13.90 | Eli Fanleast | 151½ | - 19½ | 5.2 | 6.8 |
| 93.50 | Earlerie W&B | 107½ | - 1 | 3.7 | 9.0 |
| 31.20 | Gold Mrc Sns | 32½ | + 6½ | | |
| 19.00 | Green & Heritage | 112 | - 1 | 1.6 | 17.5 |
| 36.80 | Gedan | 163 | - 2½ | 4.1 | 12.2 |
| 31.50 | Harry Loseing | 187½ | ... | 4.4 | 8.6 |
| 16.00 | Higgins Sys | 85 | ... | 1.5 | 13.5 |
| 137.20 | Insol Energy | 527½ | - 20 | | |
| 11.00 | Inbonis Ltd | 41 | - 2½ | | |
| 9.39 | Inns Workshop | 44 | - 3 | | |
| 14.80 | Intelligent En | 49 | - 2 | | |
| 26.20 | Inn Shares | 477½ | - 5 | | |
| 23.60 | Inter Services | 112 | ... | 3.5 | 12.0 |
| 44.40 | Internet Tech | 103½ | | | |
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| 10.70 | IOG Intl | 34½ | - 2 | | |
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| 12.90 | James R Langmere | 65 | ... | 2.1 | 22.2 |
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| 13.20 | Kingfisher Lsr | 126½ | - 2 | 1.3 | 13.6 |
| 26.20 | Lawrence | 375 | ... | 3.0 | 13.3 |
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| 42.40 | Magnum Wines | 30½ | ... | 2.1 | 18.5 |
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SHORTS (under 5 years)** | | | | | |
| 8,150 | Treas 7¼% 1998 | 100.0800 | | 7.25 | 7.85 |
| 1,900 | Treas 9½% 1999 | 100.2346 | -0.0001 | 9.47 | 6.35 |
| 3,050 | Exch 12¼% 1999 | 101.7938 | -0.0064 | 12.03 | 5.79 |
| 1,252 | Treas 10½% 1999 | 102.0476 | +0.0211 | 10.29 | 5.62 |
| 6,950 | Treas 6% 1999 | 100.2343 | +0.0603 | 5.99 | 5.62 |
| 1,798 | Conv 10¼% 1999 | 104.3488 | +0.0762 | 9.82 | 5.47 |
| 5,358 | Conv 9% 2000 | 104.2601 | -0.0555 | 8.63 | 5.36 |
| 9,800 | Treas 8% 2000 | 105.6262 | +0.0783 | 7.57 | 5.36 |
| 109 | Treas 8¾% 2000 | 103.4121 | +0.0555 | 8.22 | 5.27 |
| 3,171 | Treas 13% 2000 | 111.6877 | +0.0318 | 11.64 | 5.24 |
| 4,406 | Treas 10% 2001 | 110.1829 | +0.0918 | 9.08 | 5.05 |
| 12,750 | Treas 7% 2001 | 105.9857 | +0.1835 | 6.61 | 4.76 |
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| 6,527 | Treas 9¾% 2002 | 116.8116 | +0.2689 | 8.35 | 4.75 |
| 8,500 | Treas 8% 2003 | 113.8489‡ | +0.3953 | 7.03 | 4.55 |
| 2,503 | Treas 10% 2003 | 122.8978 | +0.4489 | 8.15 | 4.61 |
| 1,628 | Treas 11¾% 2001-04 | 113.4619 | +0.0528 | 10.14 | 5.14 |
| 543 | Fund 3½% 1999-04 | 98.6500 | -0.0200 | 3.55 | 3.66 |
| 3,412 | Conv 9½% 2004 | 125.0080 | +0.7307 | 7.60 | 4.60 |
| 6,500 | Treas 6¾% 2004 | 111.9251 | -0.6766 | 6.03 | 4.46 |
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| 5,621 | Treas 9% 2008 | 135.8454 | +1.5883 | 6.63 | 4.46 |
| 3,450 | Treas 8% 2009 | 130.4060 | +1.5370 | 6.13 | 4.40 |
| 4,750 | Treas 6¼% 2010 | 116.0580 | +1.4590 | 5.39 | 4.50 |
| 5,273 | Conv 9% 2011 | 142.2169 | +1.5700 | 6.33 | 4.56 |
| 5,360 | Treas 9% 2012 | 144.5674 | -1.7437 | 6.23 | 4.57 |
| 1,000 | Treas 5½% 2008-12 | 109.8281 | +1.4780 | 5.01 | 4.27 |
| 800 | Treas 7¾% 2012-15 | 130.6778 | +1.6035 | 5.93 | 4.61 |
| **LONGS (over 15 years)** | | | | | |
| 6,100 | Treas 8% 2013 | 136.3473 | -1.6709 | 5.87 | 4.59 |
| 13,787 | Treas 8% 2015 | 140.8406 | -1.6236 | 5.68 | 4.53 |
| 7,550 | Treas 8¾% 2017 | 152.4588 | +1.8930 | 5.74 | 4.56 |
| 16,500 | Tr 8% 2021 | 149.4409 | -2.0920 | 5.35 | 4.49 |
| **UNDATED** | | | | | |
| 1,909 | War Ln 3½% | 76.0415 | +1.8201 | 4.60 | |
| 475 | Treas 2½% | 52.6030 | +1.0899 | 4.75 | |
| 359 | Consols 4% | 83.4950 | +1.8250 | 4.79 | |
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| 2,150 | Treas IL 2½% 2001 | 206.3825 | -0.1387 | 2.19 | 2.57 |
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| 2,625 | Treas IL 2½% 2009 | 212.3754 | +1.3763 | 2.03 | 2.15 |
| 3,100 | Treas IL 2½% 2011 | 225.0087 | +1.5981 | 2.08 | 2.17 |
| 3,750 | Treas IL 2½% 2013 | 188.9600 | +1.5834 | 2.09 | 2.17 |
| 4,125 | Treas IL 2½% 2016 | 208.2667 | +1.8047 | 2.08 | 2.15 |
| 3,800 | Treas IL 2½% 2020 | 206.8000 | +1.8964 | 2.08 | 2.15 |
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### TODAY

**Interims:** Druck Holdings, Europower, NRP, Plysu, Shield Diagnostics. **Finals:** API group, Hardys & Hansons, Fountain Forestry, Kunick, Vaux Group, Waterfall Holdings. **Economics:** BoJ Tankan survey, UK November producer price index.

### TOMORROW

**Interims:** Batleys, Boustead, Computerland, MFI Furniture. **Finals:** First Choice Holidays, Hawtin, Leeds Group, NFC. **Economics:** Bank of Japan monetary policy board meeting, Japanese November crude steel output, Finnish November Consumer Price Index, Spanish November Consumer Price Index, UK November retail price index, UK EEF 3 months to November engineering pay data, US November Consumer Price Index.

### WEDNESDAY

**Interims:** Baggeridge Brick, Phonelink, Carpetright. **Finals:** Securicor. **Economics:** Japanese October current account figures, UK November labour market report, UK November public sector finances, US November housing start, US November industrial production.

### THURSDAY

**Interims:** Asda, Jones Stroud Holdings, McKay Securities, Ptarmigan International Capital, Universal Salvage. **Finals:** Legal & General Recovery Investment Trust. **Economics:** Bank of Japan monthly report, Bank of Japan Governor's news conference, UK November retail sales, UK CBI December industrial trends survey, US October trade data, US weekly jobless claims report.

### FRIDAY

**Interims:** Harveys Furnishing, Meconic. **Finals:** None scheduled. **Economics:** UK November provisional M4, UK November bank lending data, UK November final MO, UK November car output.

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# Little change in Asda shopping




Allan Leighton is expected to have totted up a higher dividend despite a slowdown in sales

**ASDA:** A slowdown in like-for-like sales growth is on the cards when Britain's fourth-biggest food retailer unveils half-year results on Thursday. Certainly, there is unlikely to be much in the way of fireworks profits-wise with brokers such as BT Alex Brown forecasting £195 million at the pre-tax level. That compares with £190 million last time. The range is £192 million to £205 million. Earnings a share are unlikely to be much altered at about 4.9p.

Rising costs will feature prominently with capital expenditure also set to grow to about £500 million, although only four new stores are scheduled to be opened during the forthcoming year. In addition, the group's northern bias makes it more vulnerable than its main rivals to the slowdown in consumer spending.

Brokers are becoming increasingly sceptical about the group's ability to offset the rising cost base with sales growth expected to have fallen to its lowest level for five years. Indeed, the slowdown at Asda, headed by Allan Leighton, the chief executive, is likely to be greater than the sector average, which could rattle sentiment and undermine the shares.

As a result, brokers have been steadily downgrading their expectations for the full year. BTAB recently reduced its forecast from £434 million to £422 million, its second downgrade in three months. Despite a pedestrian performance, the half-year payout to shareholders is still expected to grow from 0.91p to 0.95p.

**MFI FURNITURE GROUP:** There are few surprises in store when the furniture retailer unveils interim results tomorrow.

Back in September, the group told shareholders at the AGM that retail sales in the first 21 weeks of the year were down 10 per cent.

The general view among brokers is that the situation will have deteriorated even further. The group immediately embarked on a restructuring involving 1,500 job losses.

Pre-tax profits should come in at about £12 million, down from £35.4 million last time with earnings collapsing almost 70 per cent from 4.2p to 1.5. Despite the setback to earnings, the interim payout is likely to be pegged at 1.8p.

Last year's results contained exceptional costs relating to the relocation of its Scunthorpe packaging plant and the closure of its German interest.

Brokers will find little to glean from the figures and will therefore concentrate their energies on the group's change of strategy. It is currently undergoing an extensive store refit. But margins continue to suffer, reflecting the group's policy of free delivery.

**CARPETRIGHT:** There has been little for the carpet retailers to cheer about this year. Their performance has been clouded by a dramatic drop in sales that has led to a series of profit warnings. It is likely to be much of the same when Lord Harris's Carpetright unveils interim results on Wednesday.

Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at between £10 million and £12 million, down from £16.1 million last time. Earnings a share will also have declined by about 25 per cent to 10.6p, which will be why the payout is pegged at 9.5p.

The focus of interest for brokers will be on like-for-like sales that are expected to be down about 4 per cent, although overall sales will be up, reflecting the number of new stores opened in the second half of last year and the first six months of this year.

It is hoped like-for-like sales of the Carpet Depot will have improved. Despite increased competition and the pressure on sales, gross margins should have been maintained. But operating margins will be lower, reflecting the drop in like-for-like sales and the increased cost base.

The group is continuing to try to bring costs under control but with many of them fixed, its scope for manoeuvre appears limited. Last month, it spent £12 million buying 27 shops from rival its Allied Carpets. Their contribution to profits this time round will be minimal. Brokers are hopeful of a recovery in profits in the second half, but that compares with a lacklustre performance in the corresponding period last year.

**NFC:** The steady growth in its contract portfolio should provide a timely boost to underlying profits when the logistics and removal specialist publishes final results tomorrow.

Pre-tax profits are estimated to come in at between £122 million and £130 million, up from £115.6 million last time, with earnings a share growing from 10p to 10.7p.

Revenue growth from logistics will be strongest in the US, where operating profits will be up about £5 million at £32 million. A solid performance should also be achieved in Europe.

NFC has already indicated its intention of paying a 5p dividend, down 30 per cent on last year after taking into account the capital reconstruction.

**SECURICOR:** Final results from the group on Wednesday will no doubt further fuel speculation about the sale of the group's 40 per cent stake in Cellnet, the mobile phone operator, to BT, its joint venture partner.

An earlier attempt was blocked by the last Conservative Government. Brokers say it can only be a matter of time before that decision is reversed. As a result, they have already put a price tag on the stake of £1 billion-plus.

Pre-tax profits are expected at between £90 million and £100 million which compares with £31 million last time. Once again the contribution from Cellnet will provide the main drive for profits. The payout is set to grow from 1.74p to 2p.

## Focus is on retail data

While the markets continue to digest the Bank of England's rate cut last week and as the Christmas slowdown approaches, the slew of economic data to be released this week is expected to receive a relatively muted response. The retail prices index due out tomorrow and retail sales figures for November, due on Thursday, are likely to be the highlights of the week. Evidence of continued weakness in high street spending in recent months contributed to the Bank's decision to ease rates again, and market watchers will want to see how the latest data supports or contradicts the Bank's move.

November usually sees a flat RPI or a small rise, with pre-Christmas discounting of alcohol offsetting post-sales rises in the prices of clothing and household goods. Economists expect both retail gauges to remain unchanged, with the RPIX giving an annual increase of 2.5 per cent and RPIY giving a 1.8 per cent annual rise.

Producer prices will be released today. The unadjusted "wide" measure of producer output prices eased by 0.2 per cent in October to give an annual rise of 0.1 per cent, the smallest year-on-year increase since March 1960. Economists expect another 0.2 per cent decline in November and the seasonally adjusted "core" measure unchanged, with a 0.4 per cent slide.

The CBI Industrial Trends survey for December, due out on Thursday, should show a modest rise in the output expectations balance. November's survey showed only a tiny improvement in output expectations, despite reductions in base rates.

There will be opportunity for greater insight into the labour market when unemployment figures come out on Wednesday. Recent labour market statistics have presented a mixed picture, but most economists believe that claimant unemployment rose by 7,800 in November, with some estimates as high as 10,000, a marked rise on last month's 6,800 increase.

KIMBERLY McDONALD

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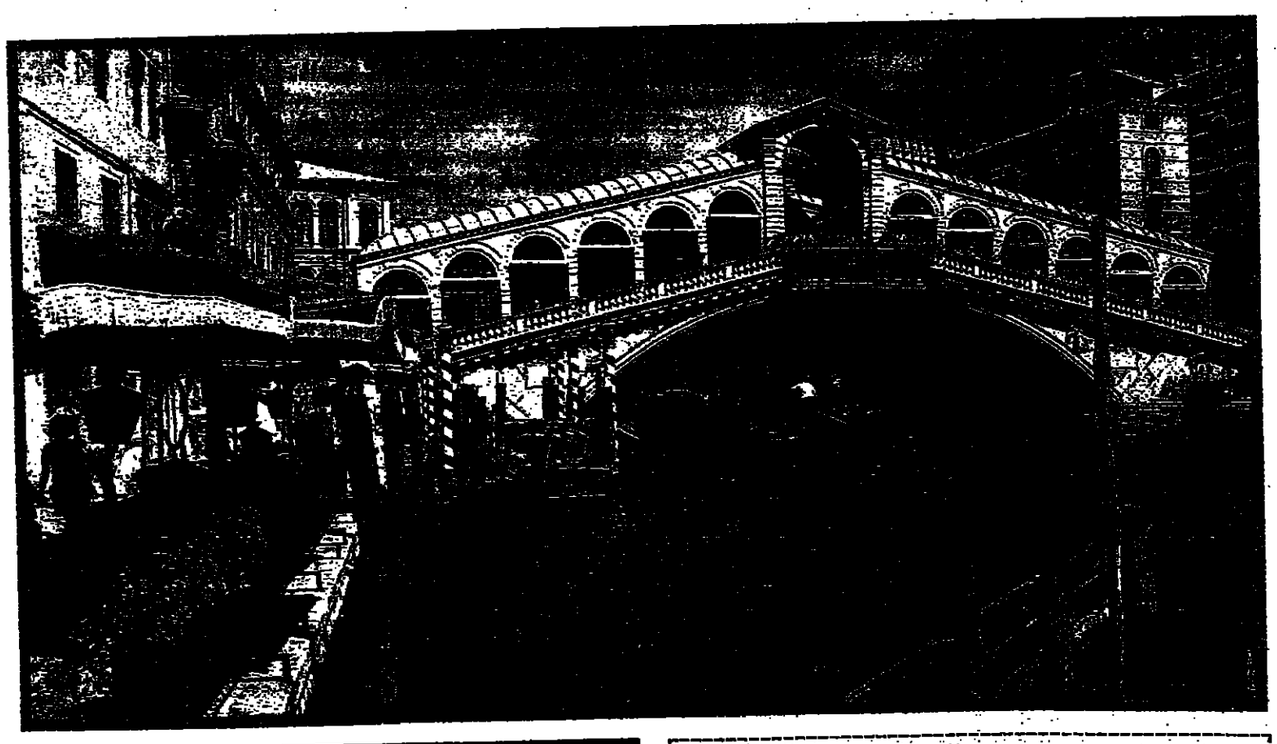
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CHANGING TIMES

# Mandelson puts emphasis on high-tech sector

By Chris Ayres and Alasdair Murray

PETER MANDELSON, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, will this week present a White Paper to Parliament outlining plans to modernise the British economy by focusing on "knowledge-based" industries, and encouraging trade over the Internet.

The White Paper will mark a fundamental shift in the Department of Trade and Industry's approach away from regional aid towards fostering the development of high-tech industries.

Mr Mandelson will also announce moves to encourage long-term scientific research, including the Government's £1.4 billion investment in the Wellcome Trust, the medical charity.

Other plans to be outlined in the White Paper will include the creation of Enterprise Centres in universities. Mr Mandelson is expected to emphasise that Britain has a poor record of turning discoveries into viable commercial products and will devise ways of encouraging successful start-up companies and spreading an "American spirit of enterprise".

Mr Mandelson will also present proposals to help smaller companies to share more information with each other. Mr Mandelson's enthusiasm for "business-to-business learning" follows recent successful DTI initiatives to bring top Japanese engineers to the UK to meet automotive suppliers.

The Confederation of British Industry has already given its broad support to Mr Mandelson's aims, but gave warning that the test would be turning good words into action.

Peter Agar, deputy director-general of the CBI, said: "The White Paper needs a focus. The Government also needs to inject a sense of urgency into its support for electronic commerce and ensure that the promised extra science money is properly managed."

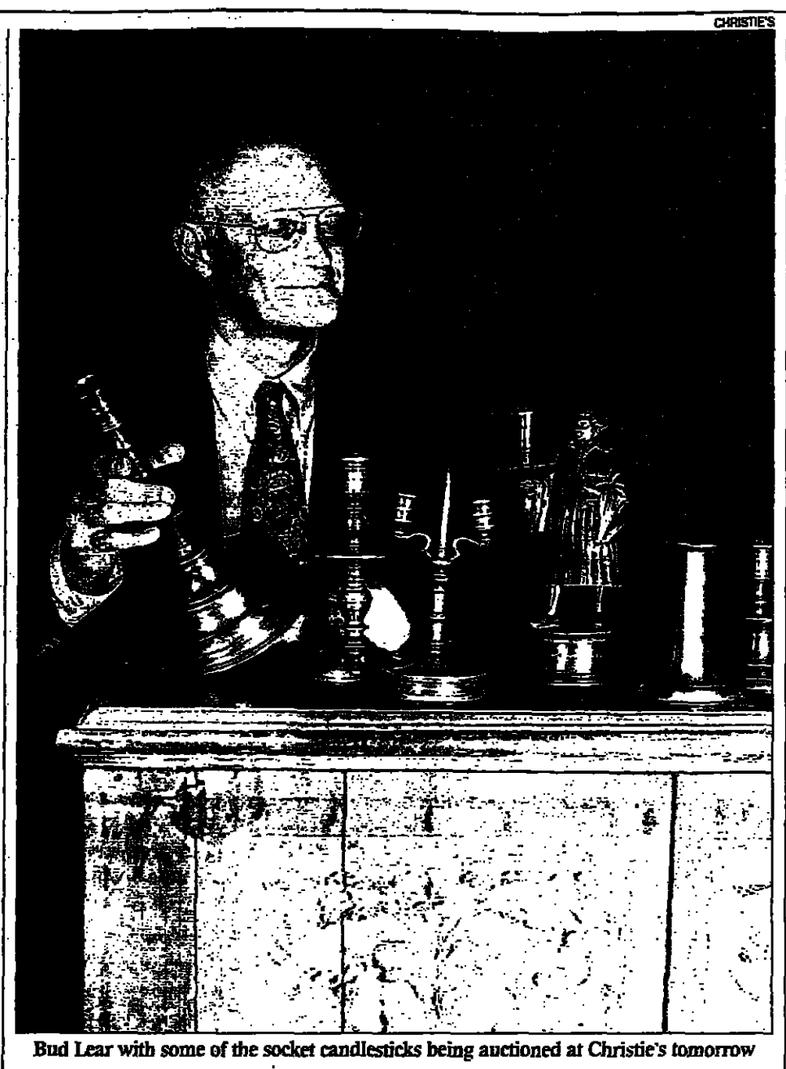
As part of the White Paper, Mr Mandelson is expected to announce a fundamental overhaul of the DTI's £1 billion a year programme budget in an effort to find savings for new projects. The £120 million a year currently provided for regional assistance has been especially earmarked for savings.

In spite of Mr Mandelson's insistence that the paper will not mark a return to the "corporatism" of the 1970s, the DTI is expected to take a far more proactive role within the Government, with Mr Mandelson keen to end the perception that all economic policy is being formulated by the Treasury.

Mr Mandelson also wants his department to work more closely with the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions and the Department for Education and Employment on competitiveness issues. In particular, Mr Mandelson is considering appointing a specific minister charged with trying to remove the "obstacles and barriers" to clusters of high-tech companies.

Mr Mandelson is also this week expected to confirm that the DTI will publish a consultation paper on whether ultimate responsibility for mergers and acquisitions rulings should be removed from the hands of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and given to an independent authority.

CHRISTIE'S



Bud Lear with some of the socket candlesticks being auctioned at Christie's tomorrow

# Antique candlesticks go under the hammer

By Clare Stewart

SOME people like to collect stamps, some Picassos, while others choose antique candlesticks.

Tomorrow, at Christie's in London, the Lear collection of socket candlesticks goes under the hammer. With Christmas looming, the firm of auctioneers is no doubt hoping that its first such specialist sale will attract buyers in search of an original gift.

F. R. "Bud" Lear III, an American businessman, is selling his current collection of nearly 200 candlesticks, dating from the 13th to the 18th century.

They have been acquired over the past ten years and are expected to fetch more than £500,000 at auction.

Mr Lear runs Industrial Engraving, his family business, in Pennsylvania and is a lifelong collector, having first started at the age of nine, with lamps and lanterns.

"I have always had a fascination with early lighting of all types. I was drawn to the candlestick as something with extraordinary value as a practical and decorative object," Mr Lear said.

Together with many rare candlesticks, the sale includes candle snuffers and chamber-sticks — technically speaking a candlestick with a handle. Estimates range from £100 to more than £30,000.

Mr Lear is not snuffing out his interest in candlesticks entirely — they may feature in a new collection he is keen to start with the proceeds of the sale.

Details: Christie's 0171-839 9060.

# C&W braced for takeover speculation

By Chris Ayres

CABLE & WIRELESS, the telecoms and cable group, is braced for intense speculation this week over a possible break-up deal or foreign takeover bid after last week's shock departure of the company's chief executive.

Dick Brown, chief executive at C&W for two years, announced last week that he was leaving to join Electronic Data Systems, the US information technology group. During Mr Brown's time at C&W, he pushed through a comprehensive restructuring of the company, including the disposal of more than £1 billion worth of non-core assets.

Mr Brown's departure has underlined the poor performance of the London-listed company's shares, which closed on Friday at just 695p. It is thought C&W's shares could be worth significantly more if the company was broken up.

C&W is also thought by some to be a takeover target, with interest likely to come from Bell Atlantic of the US and Germany's Deutsche Telekom. France Télécom is also seen as a potential suitor, while British Telecom — which has held merger talks with C&W before — is not thought to be interested in buying the whole company.

Meanwhile, speculation will heighten over who will replace Mr Brown. Rod Olsen will become caretaker chief executive after Mr Brown's departure, although he is not seen as a long-term replacement. Mr Olsen played a similar role at C&W — following a hugely damaging boardroom spate — before the appointment of Mr Brown two years ago. There is speculation that David Oertle, head of Esprit Telecom, could be a candidate to replace Mr Brown, after the recent takeover of Esprit by Global TeleSystems.

Asked if C&W was likely to be broken up, a company insider said: "All the City guys are going to be speculating on everything and anything. But C&W has been here before and so has Rod Olsen."

Mr Brown's most notable deal was merging Mercury Communications with three British cable companies to create Cable & Wireless Communications in a £5 billion transaction. Mr Brown was also responsible for buying the entire Internet assets of MCI in July.

Although Mr Brown, a 50-year-old American, is widely respected in the industry, there is thought to be some anger within C&W that he did not give the company more notice before leaving. "There was certainly a degree of surprise," a source told *The Times*. It is thought that C&W's board learnt of Mr Brown's departure only hours before it was announced.

## Pinochet claim riles Vickers

Vickers, the tank manufacturer, has angrily denied a report that controversy over the arrest of General Augusto Pinochet has cost it a £100 million order for bridge-laying equipment.

A spokeswoman denied that any such deal, to provide support vehicles for Chilean tanks, was in prospect. There had been "vague" soundings-out from Chile's military some months back, she said.

"The inquiries never came to anything," she said. "There was no link to Pinochet at all."

## Investors vote on Kingfisher deal

Shareholders will vote this week on a planned merger of Kingfisher's B&Q arm and Castorama Dubois Investissements of France. The two companies said that the French Stock Exchange had issued documentation connected with the merger and that voting would take place on Thursday and Friday.

A special meeting of Kingfisher shareholders is to be held in London on Thursday. Castorama investors are to meet in Lille on Friday.

# BG plans Transco demerger

BG HAS drawn up plans to demerge its Transco gas pipeline main business from its global oil and gas exploration and production (E&P) business to allow the latter to stand alone (Martin Waller writes). But no such exercise is contemplated while the price of oil remains low.

BG was itself spun out of the old British Gas, along with Centrica, two years ago, and the demerger has been counted a success internally, prompting plans for a second. There is no apparent link between the pipeline business, which owns Britain's gas mains, and the E&P side.

A weekend report suggested a demerger could come in the new year, but sources close to BG say none is imminent. A separate E&P operation would have difficulty surviving alone in today's markets, and with even the biggest oil companies succumbing to merger fever it would be an immediate target for a takeover or some other consolidation.

But a demerger, for which plans have been drawn up by BG's management and financial advisers, would throw off as much as £5 billion to be paid back to shareholders or retained to be used for acquisitions. "It is one option," said a company adviser. "But we wouldn't think of it when E&P companies are flat on their backs."

# Tarmac deal expected soon

By Martin Waller

A MERGER between Tarmac and Aggregate Industries to create a £2 billion force in the building materials industry could come as early as this week after renewed speculation over the weekend.

The two are known to be in talks, and other companies in the industry including RMC and CRH of Ireland are also interested in cementing a relationship with Tarmac.

But Aggregate is now thought to be in pole position, even though Tarmac is keen to keep talks with other parties going.

Tarmac refused to make any comment last night on weekend reports that a deal was imminent. If it comes, it is thought that Sir Neville Simms, Tarmac's chairman, would chair the merged group and Peter Tom, Aggregate's chief executive, would be in charge of the day-to-day business in the same role.

The remaining stumbling blocks are the attitude of the competition authorities and any disposals they might require and the fate of Tarmac's construction arm, which would not sit well in a merged business.

# Unilever may return cash

By Martin Waller

UNILEVER, the Anglo-Dutch food and detergents group, will hand back a large chunk of its £4 billion cash pile if the company cannot find acquisition targets by the millennium.

The company will be pressed this week by shareholders over weekend reports that such a payout was being planned. Although Niall Fitzgerald, the chairman, is expected to announce some limited purchases in the Far East over the next few weeks, there is nothing in prospect of any size.

Mr Fitzgerald has made it clear in the past that he favours handing back cash to shareholders if no other use can be found for the money and it can be done in a tax-efficient way, particularly for Dutch shareholders who would face a serious tax bill.

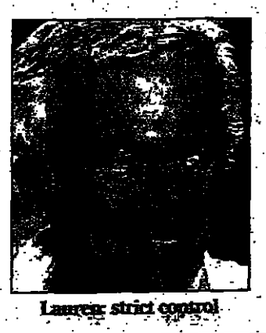
Unilever has taken the view that the prices on offer for substantial consumer goods businesses are too high to be justified.

As a result, the group's strong cash flow and the near-£5 billion raised from last year's disposal of its specialty chemicals side has not been reinvested.

Prospects for handing back cash to shareholders, whether by a special dividend or a share buy-back, are also linked with the fate of Elizabeth Arden, Unilever's perfume operation. This has been underperforming in the US in particular, and there has been speculation of a sale. This would bring more cash on to the balance sheet.

# Ralph Lauren sues Littlewoods

By Sarah Cunningham, Retail Correspondent



Lauren: strict control

LITTLEWOODS, the catalogue retailer, is being sued by Polo/Ralph Lauren for selling "grey market" branded goods sourced from outside the European Union.

The Liverpool-based company was served with a writ last week after Polo/Ralph Lauren took objection to the sale of its shirts in Littlewoods' autumn/winter catalogue. Littlewoods has no licensing agreement with Ralph Lauren, which like other big brand names likes to keep a strict control on where its goods are sold.

The case comes after a spate of similar cases, including the decision by Levis Strauss to sue Tesco and a number of other clothing retailers for selling 501 jeans bought on the unofficial "grey market" outside the EU. Unlicensed retailers usually source from third parties, or directly from US or Far Eastern manufacturers or retailers.

All of the cases are based on the Silhouette judgment, made by the European Court of Justice in July. This ruling, concerning a brand of sunglasses, makes it unlawful for a British retailer to sell goods bought outside the EU. Tesco is attempting to challenge this ruling in the High Court.

Littlewoods said "Our lawyers are reviewing the matter, and we would not therefore wish to make further comment at this stage."

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THE NO-FRILLS airline easyJet is regarded a more reliable service by business travellers than major carriers such as British Airways, British Midland and KLM according to a new survey by Company Barclaycard, Stanley Slaughter writes.

Although these three leading airlines were the most used by U.K. business travellers, their regular fliers gave them the lowest mark for reliability.

While a third of easyJet regulars said its reliability was excellent, the corresponding figures for British Midland, KLM and BA from their regulars were 29 per cent, 23 per cent and 22 per cent.

its customers rating it excellent for in-flight service (59 per cent) and for quality of food (59 per cent). The respective figures for BA in these categories were 17 per cent, five and five.

Heavy hitters such as BA and KLM were also given further cause to worry with a majority of business travellers saying smaller airlines give better service and quality.

In last year's survey, 53 per cent said big airlines gave better service, with only 40 per cent plumping for the small players. But this year the figures are exactly reversed.

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## CORPORATE PROFILE

### THE FACTS

**Market Capitalisation:** £7.79 billion
**Activities:** Supplies global financial markets and the media with real-time financial data, risk management systems and equity and foreign exchange transaction systems
**Shares:** Year high 765½p, low 418½p, now 540p
**Employees:** 2,035 in 169 bureaux serving 163 countries

### THE BOARD

Reuters has a strong board of directors under the chairmanship of **Sir Christopher Hogg**, the former chairman of Courtaulds and current chairman of Allied Domecq. He is a director of SmithKline Beecham and a former director of the Bank of England.

The heavyweight non-executive team includes **Robert Bauman**, chairman of British Aerospace and BTR and former executive chairman of Beecham Group, **Michael Green**, chairman of Carlton Communications and former chairman of ITN, and **Sir David Walker**, chairman of Morgan Stanley International and a member of the management committee of the board of Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter.

The other three non-executives are **Sir John Craven**, former member of the board of managing directors of Deutsche Bank and chairman of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, **Richard Olver**, a group managing director of BP, **Charles Sinclair**, group chief executive of the Daily Mail and General Trust, and **Roberto Mendoza**, vice-chairman and a director of JP Morgan.

All six executive directors have worked at Reuters for some time and four of them, including chief executive **Peter Job** joined as journalists. **John Parcell** worked as a journalist in Asia and Latin America before becoming a marketing and product manager. He has been responsible for the financial product line since 1996. **David Ure**, another former journalist, has been responsible for marketing and technical policy since 1992 and **Andre Villeneuve**, executive director, has headed Reuters geographical units since 1992.

Senior executives of Reuters wish the financial services and international news agency group were a little less unusual. Reuters is not quite a conventional publisher, nor is it an ordinary media group, and its two most obvious peers — Bloomberg and Bridge, which has now absorbed both Telerate and ADP — are both private companies.

Lack of easy comparisons has meant that Reuters's shares have been much more volatile than they should have been, given its strong cashflow and asset base and its lack of debt. News, both good and bad, has tended to blow Reuters's shares about in a manner unjustified by fundamentals.

John Kenny, a media analyst with Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, who is positive about the company, says: "Reuters is one of the simplest stocks in the market to take a pop at. People are losing their jobs at Bankers Trust, and therefore it is bad news for Reuters. Sell Reuters."

So in recent months there has been no shortage of stories with a darker side that could affect the performance of the shares, and over the past two years Reuters has underperformed the FTSE 100 by about 45 per cent. The worries have been many and have usually had some substance even though the effects may have been overdone.

The list is headed by banking consolidation — the worldwide move towards fewer and larger banks exemplified by the merger of Bankers Trust and Deutsche Bank. This is often portrayed as bad for Reuters. Larger banks will sack employees and will need fewer screens, and so there will be fewer lucrative contracts for Reuters. The reality is not quite so simple.

The collapse of confidence in the Far East was also seen as bad news, along with any suggestion of economic slowdown. Meanwhile, as an international company, Reuters suffered a currency hit from the strong pound, although the effect is now easing.

Reuters has, for the past few years, suffered the effects, in Michael Bloomberg, of a one-man publicity machine who will do almost anything to keep the Bloomberg name up there. When this is combined with its sophisticated analytical tools, particularly for bond markets, Bloomberg is a formidable opponent and one that often makes Reuters look dull and bureaucratic by comparision.

The emergence of a Bridge-Telerate-ADP axis has emphasised the scope for competition — underlined when Merrill Lynch put Bridge machines in areas such as research.

Other newer companies — the latest is Moneyline — are emerging to try to take a bite out of Reuters's market share by offering cheaper, more targeted services. The arrival of the euro and the millennium bug have also proved fertile ground for bears.

Perhaps the most potentially damaging uncertainty hanging over Reuters this year has been the investigation of US Analytics, one of its American subsidiaries, by a grand jury. The allegation is that Bloomberg information was wrongly incorporated in Reuters's services.

Overarching all of this is the perceived threat from the Internet. Yet, except for the grand jury investigation — and there have been reports from the US that Reuters will be cleared of any serious infringements — most of the negatives facing the company have, in fact, much more positive potential.

For example, Reuters could do well from the euro because the group will be transmitting financial news in all 11 languages of the euro nations. Clients still need the latest news during economic slowdowns, indeed arguably more so, and anyway, most Reuters contracts are for four or even five years, bulls would argue.

Both Bloomberg and Reuters appear to be winning market share against Bridge and local vendors, and the news on banking consolidation might not be all bad either. Deutsche Bank, for instance, is one of Reuters's largest customers, yet Bankers Trust has its own information system. Analysts expect that deal to lead to more screens for Reuters, not fewer.

Reuters even sees the Internet as positive in that it will let it tailor new products for a wider market, such as retail banks' small investor clients.

Peter Job, chief executive, accepts that there are issues that need attention, and he will be busy for the last three years of his reign — he is to retire at 60.

He says: "As far as the public is concerned, we are understood, but we need to do more as far as the investor community is concerned. But this will really only be solved when there is a recognised peer group of Reuters."

Job is even thinking of assembling his own peer group of companies from the information, newspaper and technologies industries — partly at least for internal purposes. He concedes that Reuters has not made the most of a strong brand even though its name appears in newspapers all over the world every day.

"Maybe we have taken it for granted a little bit too much and maybe we need to sharpen up the way we approach the projection of our brand without wishing to occupy a position of media power," says Job.

He must also help to organise an orderly transition to his successor. So far, John Parcell, who runs the financial information product line, and Bob Rowley, the finance director, seem to have their noses in front, but an external candidate cannot be excluded.

The most important legacy that Peter Job hopes to leave is a financially stronger company with improved margins and the extra room for manoeuvre such a performance gives. "What I would like to be able to do after my time is over is to say that the company has that room for manoeuvre, and to create that room for manoeuvre by concentrating very strongly on the way it is run and structured for maximum value," he says.

That is why Job has broken up the old geographic structure of Reuters and reorganised the group around two businesses — information and technology — so that there will be identifiable bottom lines. The new structure will give Reuters much more information about the cost of its capital.

Reuters's technology division could even start creating extra revenue "by generating technical leads that appeal to customers for reasons quite independent of the information being processed", says Job.

As part of this harder-nosed commercial approach, cost-cutting targets will be set to raise productivity and steps will be taken to raise prices in line with inflation rather than letting them drift in real terms.

All this is a sign that confidence is returning at Reuters after a bit of a battering. However, one thing will not change while Peter Job is in charge. Any large moves into consumer information and entertainment would have to await his departure. "Our products help people to do their work properly," he says. "It is less painful to buy services from us than assemble all that information in some other way. Information for purposes other than work performance is something completely different."

Reuters scores well with our specialist consultancy for boardroom pay. Mr Job's £513,000 salary is less than two-thirds of the going rate, while the non-executives receive normal pay. But in terms of business ethics, there are a proliferation of policies but it is not clear if these fully reflect present-day thinking, says Integrity Works, the consultant.

RAYMOND SNODDY




**In the news: the famous Fleet Street address of Reuters, top; and, from left, Peter Job, chief executive, Andre Villeneuve, executive director, Bob Rowley, the finance director, and Sir Christopher Hogg, the chairman. The company has broken up its old structure to be more competitive**

### WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

**"We remain positive, having taken account of consolidation [in banking] and weaker Asian markets. The bad news is overdiscounted in the price. Reuters has a below-market rating, yet it has far better visibility of earnings than the market, immeasurably better cashflow and an excessively strong balance sheet."**

John Kenny, media analyst at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson

**"We went to a 'reduce' on Reuters because of the environment of cost-cutting and continuing consolidation in the industry [financial services] with job losses, fewer screens and maybe hesitation in terms of purchasing. Bridge has emerged as wanting to take this opportunity to get in the door. They know they have to do it now and they are going for it now."**

Meg Geldens, media analyst at Merrill Lynch

### Ethical record

| | |
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| Ethical expression[1] | 7/10 |
| Fat-cat quotient[2] | 10/10 |
| Financial record | 8/10 |
| Share performance | 6/10 |
| Attitude to staff | 5/10 |
| Strength of brand | 9/10 |
| Innovation | 7/10 |
| Annual report | 6/10 |
| City star rating | 7/10 |
| Future prospects | 8/10 |
| Total | 73/100 |

[1] Ethical expression is evaluated by Integrity Works. [2] The fat-cat quotient, in which best boardroom pay practice scores highest, is provided by Kirby Consulting.

# Watchdog signals success of New Deal for jobless

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE Government's New Deal to help youth unemployed is now "hitting its stride" and as many as 40,000 young people have already left the scheme, mainly to jobs, an independent watchdog has claimed.

The Unemployment Unit and Youthaid claims the New Deal is on course to deliver a better outcome than any previous government initiative.

Paul Convery, a director of the watchdog, conceded that the New Deal had had a slow start-up, with many unemployed people having spent longer than expected on the scheme. "But job entry rates and the numbers going into training are now pushing upwards rapidly and the programme is on course to do better than any previous scheme."

The body's analysis of the data so far available from the New Deal, which was piloted from January and launched nationally in April, showed that 168,000 young people had joined. Of these, 24 per cent, or 40,000, had already left, mainly to jobs. Another 30,000 had started one of the New Deal options, while the rest were in the "Gateway" preparatory programme. Mr Convery said the percentage of those leaving this phase was growing at a healthy rate.

But there were still glitches. Some areas, such as London, had performed badly.

The Government will today publish its own evidence, in the form of league tables showing how the scheme is working in different areas, to suggest that the New Deal is providing jobs. Andrew Smith, the Employment Minister, says that since the Deal began 38,400 young people had gone into jobs and 22,430 into education and voluntary options.

"The true cost of the jobs secured so far is currently around £1,000 a job," he said.

# MPs seek cap on power prices

A PRESSURE group of MPs has written to John Battle, the Energy Minister, accusing the big power generators of increasing their prices by a quarter last year to pay for the one-off windfall tax (Martin Waller writes).

Denis MacShane, chairman of the Steel Group of MPs and Labour MP for Rotherham, is asking Mr Battle to bring in an immediate cap of £19 per megawatt hour on the amount the generators can charge. He says electricity prices are so high at some times of the day that steel production has to stop.

# Companies take longer with payment of bills

BY MARTIN WALLER

COMPANIES are taking longer to pay their bills than six months ago as the economic downturn forces them to manage their cashflow better and delay paying suppliers, according to Experian, the business information service company.

The worst offenders are the water companies and the big banks, according to a survey from Experian. The latter on average take 82 days to pay suppliers. But the same banks, the company alleges, often pull the plug on small businesses that are in financial difficulties because their customers are not paying quickly enough.

Experian polled more than 212,000 companies. The results fly in the face of government efforts to persuade business to settle its bills on time. The problem is worse at larger companies, which "invariably" take longer than average to settle invoices.

"The average across all companies in Great Britain, regardless of size and industry, is 58 days," said Peter Brooker at Experian. The average payment period has worsened since a similar survey in May, by almost a day.

This average, however, masks the fact that small and medium-sized companies take only 55 days to pay, while large ones take 72, two days longer than in the previous survey. "As the economy slows down, many companies are using their suppliers as unofficial bankers to help to improve their cashflow," Mr Brooker said.


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# Japanese bank nationalised to shore up sector

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

JAPAN yesterday moved to shore up its wobbly financial sector by placing under state control Nippon Credit Bank (NCB), fatally crippled by a huge amount of bad loans.

Senior officials said the action had been taken to stave off a collapse that would have posed a threat to the country's entire banking sector. The move was in line with a government plan to remove weak banks from the sector by nationalising those unable to find merger partners.

The decision to nationalise NCB "temporarily" was taken by Keizo Obuchi, the Prime Minister, after he was advised by the nation's financial watchdog that the bank was virtually insolvent and unable to clean up its bad loan problem on it own.

The Financial Supervisory Agency (FSA) said its inspections had revealed a crippling depletion of the bank's financial resources, with potential loan losses exceeding total assets. The agency estimated that Nippon Credit, one of Japan's two remaining long-term credit banks, had a capital deficit of 94.4 billion yen (£480 million) at the end of March this year.

Revealing the results of its inspections, the FSA said yesterdat that NCB's irretrievable and potentially problem loans totalled 3,746 billion yen, well in excess of the 3,210 billion reported by the bank itself.

NCB became the second bank on the verge of collapse to come under state control under a government scheme to stabilise the fragile financial system. The Long-Term Credit Bank was nationalised on October 23.

Public funds will be used to keep NCB running, under government-appointed managers, and write off bad debts until a private sector buyer can be found for any still-viable operations. NCB's senior managers announced their resignation yesterday, after a last-ditch written appeal disputing that the bank had a capital deficit.

Shigeoki Togo, NCB president, said later that he reluctantly accepted the government decision, which he called "extremely regrettable" and "over hasty".

But Hakuo Yananagisawa, the Financial Reconstruction Minister, told a news conference that the nationalisation of NCB was necessary to prevent a collapse that could have gravely undermined the entire banking sector.

"If nothing was done about [NCB's] capital deficit, it could cause damage to the financial system and result in a severe loss of investor confidence," he said.

Urging depositors and investors to remain calm, Mr Obuchi gave assurances that all obligations of the bank would be met, including deposits, debentures, interbank borrowings and derivatives transactions.



Shigeoki Togo said he reluctantly accepted the Government's decision to nationalise NCB

# AFP under pressure after inspection

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

AGENCE France-Presse, the French press agency, faces a week likely to prove decisive in its attempt to avert financial disaster and to challege the supremacy of Reuters.

The board of the world's third-biggest agency will meet in Paris tomorrow with Jean Miot, its chairman, under severe pressure after an official slap-down from government inspectors.

M Miot will circulate a report warning that the French press agency is on course to accumulate a total deficit of Fr107 million (£11.5 million) by 2001 without radical restructuring.

Agence France-Presse will be squeezed into an increasingly small niche by Reuters and Associated Press, of America, unless it finds new sources of revenue, he believes.

The chairman says in his report that he wants to reinforce a commercial team that includes just 11 members, with the appointment of new staff and a commercial director.

M Miot also proposes to strengthen Agence France-Presse in the key areas of multimedia, sport, economy and television.

About 200 of the agency's older staff will be encouraged to take early retirement, with younger and cheaper personnel replacing them at an annual saving of Fr106 million.

The proposals come after M Miot was criticised by inspectors from the French Culture Ministry, who accused him of poor management and over-centralised control.

The report, which urged the swift adoption of an "efficient commercial policy" underlined the agency's hybrid nature — a handicap many believe to be at the heart of its difficulties.

Under the terms of a 1957 law which created a special stature that is unique to Agence France-Presse, it is an "autonomous organisation". It has no shareholders and no capital, must reinvest any profits and is forbidden, by law, from making a loss, with directors bound to present a balanced budget.

In practice, however, it is tied to the French Government, which supplies 46 per cent of its Fr1.2 billion budget through subscriptions to ministries and other branches of the French administration. The Government will determine whether M Miot remains in place when his term as chairman ends in February.

Critics say Agence France-Presse can only hope to compete with Reuters and Associated Press if it severes its links with the state. Reuters's turnover was more than ten times that of Agence France-Presse in 1997, and Associated Press's was almost twice the size.

## Business leaders in Nigeria

BY CARL MORTISHED

BRIAN WILSON, Minister for Trade, is in Lagos this week, leading the first British trade delegation to Nigeria for almost a decade.

The mission is intended as a signal of support to the efforts by President Abubakar to restore democracy to Nigeria, while at the same time reinforcing business links with Africa's most populous country.

Relations suffered under the regime of General Sani Abacha, when the country was expelled from the Commonwealth after the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the writer and activist.

Exports to Nigeria have been in steady decline and the outlook is poor given the collapse of the oil price: crude oil accounts for more than 80 per cent of foreign currency earnings.

Exports have also been hampered by continued unrest in the Delta region, where attacks on foreign oil companies, and Shell in particular, have at times virtually brought the industry to a halt.

British companies in the mission include Standard Chartered, SmithKline Beecham and Shell.

# KIO puts golf site up for sale

BY DOMINIC WALSH

THE Kuwait Investment Office (KIO), the state-controlled investment body, has put a "for sale" sign over East Sussex National, the 36-hole championship golf complex.

The 1,000-acre estate near Uckfield is being brought to the market by Knight Frank, the property agent, with a guide price of between £13 million and £15 million. This includes Horsted Place, a 20-room country house hotel once patronised by the Queen and Prince Philip.

Paul Bartrop, a partner at Knight Frank, said: "Some of the hotel groups and quoted golf operators might be interested or it might attract some of the world's super-rich for whom it would make a nice trophy."

East Sussex National, which has twice hosted the European Open, was originally developed by Brian Turner, a Canadian entrepreneur who dreamt of creating a British rival to Augusta National, the famous home of the US Masters.

But as development costs soared to more than £25 million, and hoped-for revenues failed to materialise, the KIO stepped in, ousted Mr Turner and brought in new management to turn it around.

Mr Bartrop said the KIO had decided to sell up because it was not a core investment. He said the estate had previously had planning permission for a 200-room hotel, adding: "The KIO felt it would be better to sell to someone who wants to develop the hotel."


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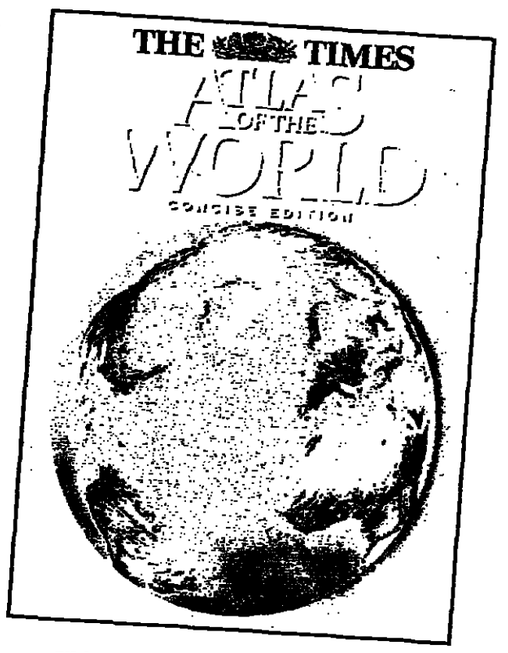
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CHANGING TIMES

# A high price for Esperanto money



ROGER BOOTLE

Eurosceptics have already had their Christmas present — Oskar Lafontaine. But Christmas comes but once a year. After the festive season is over, the euro will be a business reality and the campaign by prominent business leaders to push Britain into the new currency will intensify. We could yet be hoodwinked into membership, only to realise what we have done when it is too late.

It is curious that so many business leaders with a mixed record of managing their own companies should now be diversifying into economic policy advice. The essence of their case seems to be that the euro is bound to succeed. If only they knew some history. (Some economics would come in handy, too.) If the euro were bound to be such a scorching success why did the Bundesbank have to be dragged in kicking and screaming? And why is it that so many top American economists think that it will prove to be a disaster?

Some business europhiles have argued that the greatest difficulty a business ever has to face is uncertainty. If we stayed outside, our companies would have to carry an insupportable burden. It is all right for Switzerland, I have heard it said, because it has untold strengths, but not poor little Britain. What a strange view of the world some people have. Depending on how you measure it, "Poor little Britain" has the fourth or fifth largest economy in the world. If it is viable for Switzerland to retain its own currency it is surely viable for Britain.

In any case, this absolute horror of uncertainty is odd. Personally, I would rather face an uncertain death than a certain one. An unstable exchange rate undoubtedly presents difficulties but they are as nothing compared with a rate which is wildly overvalued, as ours was when we joined the ERM. At least then we were able to escape.

In any case, uncertainty is endemic to business life. If we joined, we would exchange one sort of uncertainty for another. Admittedly, some instability is created in the exchange market itself and serves no purpose. But some is a reflection of the instability of underlying economic circumstances. Without exchange rate changes to act as shock absorbers, real economic instability may be greater.

It is not even clear that overall currency uncertainty would be reduced. We would gain complete stability against the other euro members, but risk substantially increased instability against the dollar bloc. This is particularly important for Britain because, compared with euroland, we trade more outside the EU.

When it comes to currencies, otherwise sensible people seem to lose their marbles. Currencies are seen as matters of virility. The euro is set to assume the role of international reserve currency, alongside the dollar. Apparently, this is a state to be coveted. Strange then, that Britain spent such a large part of the postwar period trying to be rid of the reserve role of sterling, while Germany and Japan did all they could to prevent their currencies from taking it on.

It used to be argued that a prime reason for joining would be to take advantage of superior monetary management in the euro area. Those dour but clever chaps in Frankfurt would do a much better job of managing the British economy than we could ourselves — even though they were not directly trying to. If you like, we had to be saved from our own incompetence. This was indeed a pretty good argument for Italy to want to join. But for Britain?

True, our relative inflation record has not been good over the last few decades, but go back further and we come out very well. France disguised its inflationary past by dropping a couple of noughts from the franc. At least Italy is upfront about it. The Germans were the best of the lot. They created so many noughts in their two hyperinflations that, if they had kept them, the cost of a newspaper would fill the page with figures.

The financial markets are already adjusting to Britain's improved monetary management. Ten-year bond yields recently dipped below the US equivalent. True, they are still above the continental level. Perversely, the markets will even lend to the Italian Government at a lower rate than they charge the British. But the premium over the euro-bloc has been narrowing. Moreover, it exists primarily because of the higher level of British short rates. If, as I expect, base rates carry on falling all the way to 3 per cent, or even lower, while doubts about the management of the euro increase, then there is no reason why British long yields cannot fall below their euro equivalents.

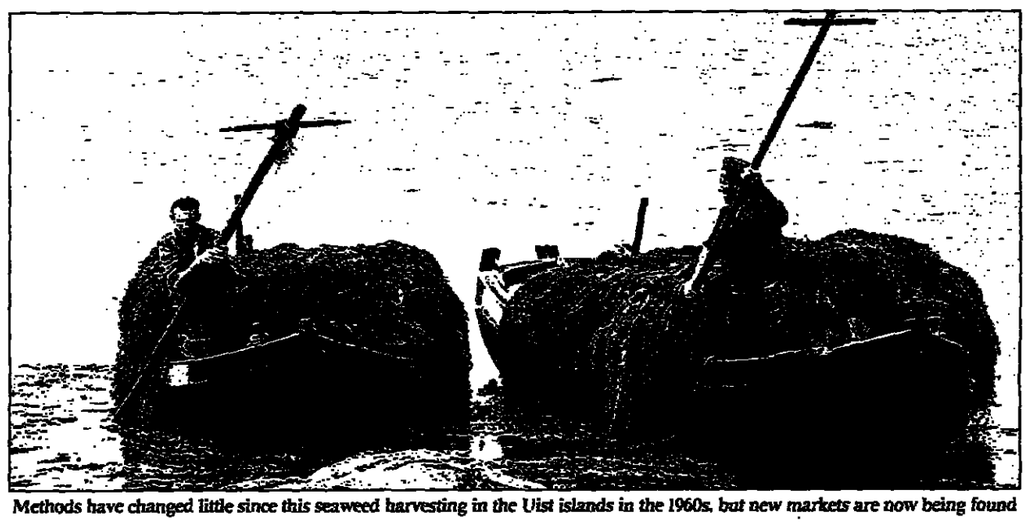
In the debate about the single currency that will surely dominate the new year, I just wish that the euro-enthusiasts in business and elsewhere would address the real issues. There are some decent economic arguments for joining the euro. But they are not about seats at top tables, boats leaving the quayside, first and second divisions, or insupportable burdens.

They concern the saving of transactions costs, the possible reduction of uncertainty, the greater transparency of prices and the consequent restructuring of European business. But there are also some serious drawbacks, notably the loss of an independent monetary policy and of the exchange rate as shock absorber.

Most importantly, there are major political issues concerning the consequences of monetary union. Make no mistake. If EMU is to work, there will have to be a fully effective political union. Without it, the euro will turn into Esperanto money.

# Islanders hope for wealthier times from seaweed galore

**Fraser Nelson on revival of a time-warp trade abandoned by a party to a failed mega-merger**



*Methods have changed little since this seaweed harvesting in the Uist islands in the 1960s, but new markets are now being found*

When Monsanto agreed to merge with American Home Products last June, the £60 billion merger of the two US pharmaceutical groups, was met with dismay on the Uist islands in the Hebrides.

For the last 250 years, the islanders had been making a living from collecting seaweed that was washed up in winter storms and was bought for its chemical properties.

Over the years, however, they had become marooned in a technological *Brigadoon* and in greater danger of being abandoned in favour of cheaper kelp from Chile. Many harvesters were in their sixties or seventies and had been wading into the freezing Atlantic for generations, still collecting kelp with scythes.

Weeks after the merger was announced, Kelco, a Monsanto subsidiary, said that it was pulling out — complaining about lack of facilities and the strong pound. When the AHP merger was scrapped, the contract did not return and the 35 seaweed harvesters faced redundancy.

Don McPhee, an islander who had been watching the situation deteriorate over the years, formed a company, Atlantic Resource Developments, in the hope of helping the local economy. He had long dreamt of selling edible seaweed to the Japanese for far more than the price Kelco was paying for it to thicken toothpaste and jam.

"The pay and conditions were Third World standards," he said. "A six-month season of seaweed harvesting could bring in less than £1,200. Kelco were paying £169 a tonne for seaweed that could retail at £5,000 a tonne. There had to be a better way to do it."

But how? The islanders had no financial muscle. The sixth Earl Granville was officially overlord of the North Uist shores and been using his feudal powers to tax what little money the seaweed brought in — but he was unable to act as business ambassador for the 35 crofters facing redundancy.

Their plight, picked up in *The Times* in July, attracted the attention of Brian Wilson, then Minister of State at the Scottish Office responsible for industry and now at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr McPhee said: "After the *Times* article quite a lot of attention started to be paid. Brian Wilson has very, very close links with the Western Isles, and started saying we must take some self-determination here and not rely on the multinationals. He said we have a resource that is fairly unique, and said we have to get our act together."

Mandarins duly sprang into action. The Highlands and Islands Enterprise Council commissioned a £37,000 survey to see whether the island's seaweed industry could be resurrected. The report concluded that there were only three customers for the islanders' seaweed and that talk of making millions of pounds was little more than a pipe dream.

Mr McPhee was furious. "The report could have been written by an eight-year-old," he says. "I could find between 150 and 180 buyers through the Internet. The problem with seaweed is not selling it, it's harvesting it."

He began to make his own calls. The first was to EFTF, a Norwegian company that buys wet tangle for its algnate properties. Normally, it would not look as far as Uist, but it had widened its radius of business and was prepared to stretch 230 miles. After taking over the harvesting rights on South Uist, Mr McPhee struck his first contract last week: to supply 15,000 kilos to the Norwegians at £2,500 a tonne — 15 times what was being earned under the Monsanto contracts.

The cash will pay for a team of seaweed harvesters paid on a fixed monthly basis — scrapping the old system by which they were given a lump sum in May.

Mr McPhee intends to capitalise on the absence of any rivals in the islands to invest in milling and drying plants capable of producing the refined seaweed that luxury markets demand. He is also close to selling the type of seaweed eaten by sea urchins, which are being farmed elsewhere in Scotland as a luxury food in the Middle East.

"The islands are ringed in the kind of edible seaweed that sells for way over £2,500 a tonne," he says. "We can plough the money from the Norwegian contract back into building all the facilities we need."

If he succeeds, Atlantic Resource Developments could become the saviour of the industry. If it fails, islanders may have to abandon their dream of rejuvenating the Hebrides through seaweed galore.


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TELEVISION CHOICE

# The bar mitzvah singer

**Sound Stories: The Klezmer King**
*BBC2, 7.30pm*

The last in a diverting series about music-making features Mosbe Tamir, a Jewish singer who plies his trade on the wedding and bar mitzvah circuit. From a family of rabbis, he was born in Tehran, brought in up in an orphanage in Israel after the early death of his father and arrived in Britain 26 years ago speaking not a word of English. An early job was as a waiter at Jewish weddings. From that came the idea of singing at them. His varied background means that he has mastered most of the many sub-cultures of Judaism and can adapt his repertoire accordingly. The film follows him through a particularly challenging event, the arranged marriage in North London of Braxcha, a 19-year-old Yemeni woman. Most of the guests are ultra-Orthodox but he also has to please the traditional Yemenite family.

**Planet Ustinov**
*Channel 4, 8.00pm*

Two documentaries, one after the other, about post-apartheid South Africa, may seem like a case of crass scheduling but apart from the political satirist Pier Dirk Uys, there is little overlap. Sir Peter Ustinov's view, delivered in the last of his travels in the footsteps of Mark Twain, is benign and optimistic. Although he finds the obstinate Afrikaner spirit still alive, and meets one its deepest adherents in the 93-year-old widow of the assassinated President Verwoerd, Ustinov insists on accentuating the positive. Rubbing shoulders with the great and the good of the new regime, from Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Tutu downwards, he finds an emphasis on opportunities rather than obstacles and a marked determination among the victims of apartheid not to feel bitter and vengeful.

**Birds of a Feather**
*BBC1, 8.30pm*

The saga of the Essex "corblimeys" reaches its 100th episode and with the sitcom in such a depressed state we must be grateful for the staying power of a show which first hit the screens back in October 1989. Indeed, the format is so durable that Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran, who created it, usually leave the scripts to others these days.



*A father and son express their views on the new South Africa in White Lives (Ch 4, 9pm).*

Not that it is usually possible to tell the difference, a tribute to the even standard of the writing. Gary Lawson and John Phelps penned episode 100 which sees the wedding of Garth, son of Linda Robson's Tracey, to the socially superior Kimberley, whose snobby mother goads Sharon (Pauline Quirke) into being even more coarse than usual. In the subplot, Dorien (gloriously played, as ever, by Lesley Joseph) has gone all moody and for once it has nothing to do with a man.

**White Lives**
*Channel 4, 9.00pm*

For a more disenchanted look at Mandela's South Africa here is part two of the documentary by Paul Watson, which trains its camera on the minority white community. The most sympathetic thing you can say about the whites on this evidence is that many live in fear of the black majority and in some cases with reason. Mrs Maeread Sharpe may call herself a yuppie and live in a posh house but it is not good to hear that she was held at gunpoint by three black men demanding her car. It is less easy to warm to Stefan Schutte, who though far too young to remember the Nazi regime, declares his love for Hitler and Himmler "because they fought for the same white nation that we do". Meanwhile, Debora Patta continues to gather evidence of the apartheid regime's complicity in the death of President Machel of Mozambique. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

**The Whistle Blower**
*Radio 5 Live, 7.30pm*

When I first attended football matches as an infant, about the worst insult that was hurled at the referee related to the location of the nearest optician. Now, referees are routinely pushed, shouted at and, perhaps most hideous of all, subjected to slow-motion ridicule on television. This programme, a welcome contrast from listening to players and managers abuse referees, gives the man in black's side of the story, in particular: why does he do it? We hear from Mike Reed, who booked 13 players in a Chelsea-Leeds game this year, and Gerald Ashby, who recently retired from the fray. The overwhelming impression is of men who love the game but who, as part-timers, seem increasingly anachronistic.

**My Gaiety Girls**
*Radio 4, 11.30am*

First in a quartet of highly entertaining and informative plays by John Peacock based around the life and times of the Gaiety Theatre, London, launched in 1868 with a manifesto written by its first director, John Hollingshead, which included the imprecation to present shows that at all times reflect the name of the Gaiety. The manifesto opens today's play and its grandiose tones are in contrast to the following sparkling tale, with music, of big-hearted girls and backstage intrigue. Each play focuses on one of the girls and today's tells the story of how Nellie Farren (Nicola McAuliffe), a famous Gaiety girl, helped George Edwardes (Gavin Muir), stage door manager of the Savoy Theatre, to buy a half share in the Gaiety. **Peter Barnard**

## RADIO 1 (BBC)

**6.30am** A Spicey Breakfast **9.00** Simon Mayo's Office Party **12.00** Kevin Greening. Includes **12.30pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Radcliffe **4.00** Chris Moyles **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Dave Pearce. With Victoria Adams **8.00** Lamacq Live **12.00** The Breezeblock **2.00am** Emma B **4.00** Scott Mills

## RADIO 2 (BBC)

**6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **12.00** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Ed Stewart **5.05** Johnnie Walker **7.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **8.00** Big Band Special **8.30** The New Jazz Standards **9.30** The Rock 'n' Roll Years **10.30** Richard Allinson **12.00** Katrina Leskanich **3.00am** Mo Dutta

## RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

**5.00am** Morning Reports **6.00** Breakfast with Julian Worricker and Victoria Derbyshire **9.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00** The Midday News **1.00pm** Ruscoe and Co **4.00** Drive with Peter Allan and Jane Garvey **7.00** News Extra. Presented by David McNeil **7.30** The Whistle Blower. New series. Simon Mann gets an insight into the life of a football referee. See Choice **8.00** Trevor Brooking's Monday Match. Leeds United v Coventry City. Plus, a round-up of the European soccer scene **10.00** Late Night Live with Nick Robinson **1.00am** Up All Night

## VIRGIN

**6.30am** Chris Evans **9.30** Bobby Hain **1.00pm** Nick Abbot **4.00** Harriet Scott **5.45** Mark Forrest **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **1.00am** James Merritt **4.30** Jeremy Clark

## TALK RADIO

**6.00am** Bill Overton & Claire-Catford **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00pm** Lorraine Kelly **2.00** Anna Raeburn **4.00** Peter Deeley **5.00** The Sports Zone **8.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

## BBC WORLD SERVICE

**5.00am** The World Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf: PlayBack **7.30** The Vintage Chart Show **8.00** News **8.10** Pause for Thought **8.15** Movie Call **9.00** News; (648 only) News in German **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Record News **9.30** Westway Access **9.45** Sports Round-Up **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** Omnibus **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Jazzmatazz **12.00** News **12.05pm** World Business Report **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Seven Days **12.45** Sports Round-Up **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Planet 2000 **3.00** World News; (648 only) News in German **3.05** Sports Roundup **3.15** Westway Access **3.30** Electronic Jukebox **4.00** News **4.15** Seven Days **4.30** Insight; (648 only) News in German **4.45** Britain Today **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Sports Roundup **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Brain of Britain 1998; (648 only) News in German **7.00** News Summary **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Pause for Thought **7.30** Multitrack: Hit List **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** Tying the Knot **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** Insight **10.45** Sports Round-Up **11.00** News **11.05** Outlook **11.30** Multitrack Hit List **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Westway **12.45** Britain Today **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Wild Tales **2.00** Newsday **2.30** On Screen **3.00** News **3.05** World Business Report **3.15** Sports Round-Up **3.30** The Idea of the City **4.00** The World Today

## CLASSIC FM

**6.00am** Nick Bailey's Easier Breakfast. Favourite musical works, plus regular information updates **8.00** Henry Kelly. The Hall of Fame Hour and Record of the Week **12.00** Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones presents listeners' favourites **2.00pm** Concerto. Czerny (Piano Concerto in A minor) **3.00** Jamie Crick. Continuous Classics and Afternoon Romance **6.30** Newsnight. John Brunning presents the latest stories **7.00** Smooth Classics at Seven. Two hours of soothing sounds **9.00** Evening Concert. Elgar (The Kingdom) **11.00** Mann at Night. Wind down with the sound of ambient music **2.00am** Concerto Czerny: Piano Concerto in A minor (r) **3.00** Mark Griffiths. The Early Breakfast Show

## RADIO 3

**6.00am On Air** with Petroc Trelawny. Includes a review of a new production of Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel from Welsh National Opera
**9.00 Masterworks** with Peter Hobday. Handel (Concerto a due cori No 1 in B flat); Mahler (Lieder Eines Fahrenden Gesellen)
**10.30 Artist of the Week: David Willcocks**
**11.00 Sound Stories: Castles and Palaces - Windsor**
**12.00 Composer of the Week: J.S. Bach**
**1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert** Live from Wigmore Hall, London. Charles Rosen, piano. Beethoven (Piano Sonatas: in F minor, Op 57, Appassionata; in F sharp, Op 78; in E flat, Op 81a, Les Adieux)
**2.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales** under Tadeusz Ossko and Mark Wigglesworth, John Lill, piano. Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 1 in F sharp minor); Shostakovich (Symphony No 7, Leningrad)
**4.00 Opera In Action** Ruth Mackenzie looks at how operas start and finish
**4.45 Music Machine** This week, Verity Sharp looks at English folk music
**5.00 In Tune** Each day this week, Sean Rafferty investigates the background to a different Christmas carol
**7.30 Performance on 3** A concert given in October at St John's, Smith Square, London. The Sixteen/Harry Christophers. Tomas Luis de Victoria (Ave, Maris Stella; Vidi Speciosam; Veni Creator Spiritus; Vadam, et Circumibo Civitatem; Ad Coenam Agni Provici; Requiem, 1605)
**9.00 Postscript: Reading Around - The Canti of Giacomo Leopardi** Kevin Jackson unravels the stories behind classic works of European literature
**9.25 BBC National Orchestra of Wales** under Paul Murphy. Milhaud (Symphony No 2)
**10.00 Voices** Iain Burnside introduces a recital given by the Italian mezzo Cecilia Bartoli earlier this year
**10.45 Mixing It** with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall
**11.30 Jazz Notes** with Alyn Shipton (r)
**12.00 Composer of the Week: Elliott Carter** (r)
**1.00am Through the Night** with Donald Macleod. 1.00 Fretwork and the soprano Ruth Holten perform music from the Renaissance by Willaert, Ortiz, Cabezon, de Rore, Lassus and Arcadelt 2.00 Nielsen (Symphony No 4, Inextinguishable) 2.35 Beethoven (String Quartet in G, Op 18 No 2) 3.00 Brahms (Chorale Preludes, Op 122) 3.30 Reger (L'indifference Punie) 3.55 Bartok (The Miraculous Mandarin) 4.30 Dohnanyi (Ruralia Hungarica) 5.35 Rontgen (Theme and Variations)

## RADIO 4

**5.30am (FM) World News**
**5.30 (LW) Test Match Special** Australia v England. Closing coverage of the fourth day's play in the third Test from the Adelaide Oval
**5.35 (FM) Shipping** 5.40 **(FM) Inshore Forecast**
**5.45 (FM) Prayer for the Day** with Robert Fiett
**5.47 (FM) Farming Today** with Anna Hill
**6.00 (FM only until 7.30) Today** Introduced by Sue MacGregor and James Naughtie
**9.00 Start the Week** Hosted by Jeremy Paxman
**9.45 (FM) Serial: Dear Bill** W.F. Deedes reads extracts from his autobiography (1/5)
**9.45 (LW) Daily Service**
**10.00 Woman's Hour** with Martha Kearney and guests
**11.00 Snapshots from the New South Africa** (3/4)
**11.30 My Gaiety Girls: I'll Strike You With a Feather** New four-part series. See Choice
**12.00 (FM) News** 12.04pm **You and Yours** Consumer news and investigations, presented by Liz Barclay and John Waite
**12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast**
**1.00 The World at One** with Nick Clarke
**1.30 Brain of Brains 1998** Special edition of Brain of Britain, featuring winners from the past three years. Robert Robinson chairs
**2.00 The Archers** (r)
**2.15 Afternoon Play: Return to Lyoness** Drama chronicling Thomas Hardy's 40-year marriage to his first wife Emma Gifford. With Oliver Ford Davies and Jane Gurnett
**3.00 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444** Vincent Duggleby takes calls on personal finance
**3.30 Red Boxes** Chris Bowlby investigates the computerisation of the ministerial red box
**3.45 With Great Pleasure** Michael Bogdanov selects his literary favourites
**4.00 The Food Programme** Andrew Jefford assesses the future of real ale in Britain (r)
**4.30 Turning World** Jenni Murray and guests look at human interest stories from around the world
**5.00 PM** Presented by Clare English and Chris Lowe
**6.00 Six O'Clock News**
**6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue** From Cardiff's New Theatre. With Max Boyce, Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor, chaired by Humphrey Lyttelton
**7.00 The Archers** 7.15 **Front Row** Nightly arts show
**7.45 Under One Roof** by Jenny Landreth, adapted from Michele Hanson's original stories (r)
**8.00 Love Is Not Enough: Overseas Adoptions** Vera Frankl asks why Britons adopt fewer children from overseas than their European counterparts
**8.30 Analysis** Julian Le Grand discovers how the forming of government policies in areas such as health and education depends largely on assessments of human motivation
**9.00 Nature: A Drop of Life** The climber and biologist John Attringham looks at an unexplored monolith in Namibia
**9.30 Start the Week** (r)
**10.00 The World Tonight** With Justin Webb
**10.45 Book at Bedtime: Spiderweb** Stephanie Cole reads part six of Penelope Lively's story
**11.00 Radio 4 Appeal** Carol Vorderman describes the work of CHIT (r)
**11.02 Late Night on 4: Fatherland** Anton Lesser stars in a dramatisation of Robert Harris's bestselling chiller set in postwar Nazi Germany
**11.30 (FM) Rebel Music** First of two programmes focusing on the musical legacy of 1968 (r)
**11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament**
**12.00 News** 12.30am **(LW) Test Match Special**
**12.30 (FM) The Late Book: Aphrodite** Isabel Allende's guide to all things erotic and edible begins with a look at aphrodisiacs. Read by Barbara Flynn (1/5)
**12.48 (FM) Shipping** 1.00 **(FM) As World Service**

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## CHANGE ON WEEK

**THE POUND**

US Dollar
1.6822 (+0.0180)
German Mark
2.719 (–0.0056)
Exchange index
100.4 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

**STOCK MARKET**

FT 30 share
3361.4 (–25.8)
FTSE 100
5541.7 (–37.0)
New York Dow Jones
8821.76 (–194.38)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
14405.64 (–234.33)

**WORD WATCH**

*Answers from page 32*

HADADA
(a) A large brown-green ibis, Hagedashia hagedash. Onomatopoeic, from the bird's raucous call: "Hadada ibises rise with the horrible complaining cry from which they get their title."

MOTOSCAFO
(a) In Italy, as motor-boat. Especially such a boat used as a public conveyance on the Venetian canals. Ernest Hemingway, Across the River, 1950: "I will get into the motoscafo and we will not ever see one another again."

KANGRI
(c) A small wicker-covered clay-lined pot filled with glowing charcoal, carried especially by Kashmiris next to the skin to warm the air beneath the clothing. "Among the Indians it has been shown that cancer of the skin is associated with the use of kangri heaters applied to the abdomen."

MODISTAE
(c) The collective name given to a number of late medieval grammarians, who developed and expounded a system of Latin grammar wherein Priscian's word classes and categories were integrated into the framework of scholastic philosophy. "Before the modistae, grammar had not been viewed as a separate discipline, but had been considered in conjunction with other studies or skills (such as criticism, preservation of valued texts, foreign-language learning)."

*SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE*
1. Qg6! and if 1. . . . Rxd1+; 2. Kg2 Rd2+; 3. Kh3 and mate on h6 is unstoppable.

# Rights and wrongs, ancient and modern

REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

You can't fault the Spanish authorities' timing. To request the extradition of General Pinochet to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights is a masterstroke. Far be it from me to comment on the legal and diplomatic problems raised by the request, but one of the less edifying aspects of the debate has been the attempts by certain politicians to rubbish the reputation of Amnesty International.

The organisation is doubtless misguided occasionally; I expect it sometimes upsets delicate international relationships and interferes with trade. But since it is trying to stop people being tortured, mutilated, raped and murdered for their beliefs, and sometimes actually succeeds, it seems churlish to work up a lather of indignation about its imperfections.

BBC2 gave it the perfect opportunity to say all this for itself in **Amnesty** (BBC2, Saturday), a focal point for the channel's Human Rights Week. We followed the work of Amnesty researchers in post-Pol Pot Cambodia, where demonstrators opposed to the ruling party were killed and maimed in a grenade attack. We visited a Yemeni lawyer threatened with death for defending a man convicted of drinking a beer, and we followed the Secretary-General Pierre Sané and his team as they lobbied the international conference on human rights in Rome earlier in the year.

Amnesty is currently engaged in a campaign to highlight human rights abuses in the United States, which seems a somewhat quixotic undertaking, but you never know. You could say, with some justification, that this programme was a naive and uncritical advertisement for a bunch of meddling do-gooders. But good luck to them.

Meanwhile, Philippa Gregory was making her own contribution to Human Rights Week in **Travels With Pevsner** (BBC2, Saturday). I have to admit that I have hardly even dipped into Pevsner's guides, though there was a fair selection in the house when I was a child. This was because, as the series has often demonstrated, they were even duller than those early Michelin green guides. "The finely decorated Baroque wastepaper basket behind the vestry is by Isaac Thockerthwibble of Heckmondwike and dates from approximately June 3, 1732," that sort of thing.

So the challenge for presenters is to be as unlike the scholarly old dullard as possible, and the series should properly be called *Travels With Not Pevsner*. Honest. A presenter can, for example, infect the programme with an unpleasant condition known to medical science as "the Meadesles". This affliction, causing moments of dry, surreal humour to sprout like angry spots all over the programme, provoking an intense urge to scratch the television screen, is named for the *Times* restaurant critic, Jonathan Meades, who discovered it.

Gregory, by contrast, used the programme as an opportunity to restate all the points about Bristol and the slave trade which she had previously illustrated in her novel *A Respectable Trade* and its subsequent television adaptation. She even managed to work the title into the commentary.

The tour became a perfect example of a dilemma that afflicts all modern men and women of goodwill when confronted with the nation's heritage. When you look into the matter, almost every building of any size or grandeur anywhere turns out to be a monument to some form of vanity, oppression, exploitation, bullying or outright thievery in the past.

So we wishy-washy liberals wander through the National Trust properties of the realm, tut-tutting as we read in the guide that Sir Hector Barnacle built his exquisite moated manor after he had first razed a village inhabited by elderly crippled serfs.

This is more or less what Gregory did. She was raised in the charming Bristol suburb of Clifton (built on slave money), and attended a fine school, founded by a philanthropic slave trader called Edward Colston. (This description, as she pointed out, could be considered self-contradictory). Virtually the whole of Somerset, it seems, was built on the profits of human misery, and we probably shouldn't go there.

As a general rule, Gregory's interest in places seemed to be in direct proportion to their absurdity — such as the black Gothic castle built of slag from smelting ovens and parked next to a big Sainsbury's — or the moral turpitude of the original owners. So we got a good deal on William Beckford's Bath, because he was a disgraced pederast who built hideous follies and whose remains now lie in a fetching pink sarcophagus. Whereas the glorious Montacute House got cursory notice, except for a humorous plaster frieze. The programme ended up with the same odd combination of slightly worthy didacticism and ribald entertainment that characterised *A Respectable Trade*: a great deal more enlightening and amusing than reading Pevsner.

I suspect that Waldemar Januszczak is going down with the Meadesles. As the Not Pevsners have discovered, turning great culture into great telly is no easy trick. Januszczak's solution in his mini-series, **The Truth About Art** (Channel 4, Sunday), is to film himself in amusing situations and to juxtapose the works of art with a quirky selection of background music.

I found myself resolutely unconvinced by the links between the religious art of many cultures and the work of the contemporary artists he visited, but the rest of it really was fascinating, and made you wonder why cultures that produce such beauty are so inclined to rip out each other's toe-nails.

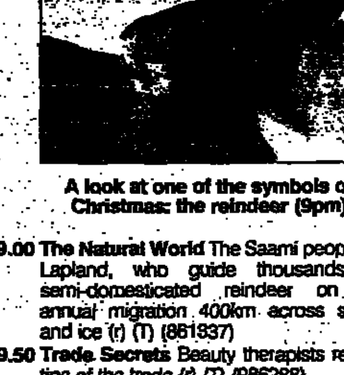
## BBC1

**6.00am Business Breakfast** (20443)
**7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (T) (23733)
**9.00 Kilroy** (T) (5424356)
**9.40 Style Challenge** (1180608)
**10.05 City Hospital** (T) (7956085)
**10.55 News;** Regional News; Weather (T) (4698356)
**11.00 Good Living with Jane Asher** (4608733)
**11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook** (T) (4801820)
**11.55 News;** Regional News; Weather (T) (1523269)
**12.00pm Pass the Buck** (9205530)
**12.25 Going for a Song** (9291337)
**12.50 The Weather Show** (T) (73066559)
**1.00 One O'Clock News;** Weather (T) (26820)
**1.30 Regional News;** Weather (45363733)
**1.40 Neighbours** The Kennedys search for Libby (T) (97362820)
**2.05 Ironside** A criminal cuts the city's power, and Ironside races against time to find out what activities the darkness may be hiding (r) (6250248)
**2.55 Battersea Dogs' Home** A brave puppy has a leg removed (4663066)
**3.25 Children's BBC:** Playdays (9152337) **3.45** Enchanted Lands: The Magic of the Faraway Tree (6323646) **3.55** Bodger and Badger (3067627) **4.10** Alvin and the Chipmunks (3793117) **4.35** Goosebumps (9725917) **5.00** Newsround (2352795) **5.10** Blue Peter (8068511)
**5.35 Neighbours** The Kennedys search for Libby (r) (T) (658004)
**6.00 Six O'Clock News;** Weather (T) (337)
**6.30 Regional News Magazine** (917)
**7.00 This Is Your Life** Michael Aspel surprises another unsuspecting guest with the big red book (T) (7269)
**7.30 Here and Now** Juliet Morris presents a report on an interactive CD-Rom designed to help parents of juvenile offenders to bring up their unruly offspring (T) (801)
**8.00 EastEnders** George and Gianni await the blood test results (T) (6917)
**8.30** [illegible] **Birds of a Feather** Sharon and Tracey rally round to ensure that Garth's wedding day runs without a hitch (T) (5424)
**9.00 Nine O'Clock News;** Regional News; Weather (T) (5646)
**9.30 Harry Enfield's Television Programme** Madcap comedy, with Harry Enfield, Kathy Burke and Paul Whitehouse (r) (T) (23682)
**10.00 Panorama** Juliet Morris investigates the rise in suicides among young men, asking why apparently normal people decide to take their own lives (T) (946153)
**10.40 They Think It's All Over** The comedy sports quiz (r) (T) (657917)
**11.15 Escape from Terror: The Teresa Stamper Story (1994)** Premiere. A woman falls in love with the man she believes is Mr Right and hastily marries him, but it isn't long before he shows his true colours. Fact-based drama, starring Maria Pitillo and Adam Storke. Directed by Michael Scott (T) (619085)
**12.40am Weird Science** More fun with Wyatt and Gary (T) (4006825)
**1.05 Weather** (2109844)
**1.10 BBC News 24** (42240689)

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## BBC2

**7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show:** Wiggly Park (6232085) **7.05** Teletubbies (5233627) **7.30** Yogi's Treasure Hunt (8165207) **7.55** Blue Peter (1171801) **8.20** Funky Phantom (4076375) **8.45** *Romuald the Reindeer* (3362337) **8.55** Tales of the Tooth Fairies (8004424) **9.00** Wiggly Park (4536085) **9.05** The Phil Silvers Show (7008153) **9.30** Great Romances of the 20th Century (30172) **10.00** Teletubbies (89801) **10.30** FILM: Jane Eyre (26095135) **12.05pm** The Roadshow Collection (9202443) **12.30** Working Lunch (41288) **1.00** Romuald the Reindeer (21718578)
**1.10 The Arts and Crafts Hour** (4237004)
**2.10 Match of the Day Greats** (86264288)
**2.40 News;** Weather (T) (6167269)
**2.45 On Cue with Steve Davis** (2731240)
**3.25 News;** Weather (T) (8905820)
**3.30 Gardeners' World** A Japanese-style plot in Kirkcudbright (26/30) (r) (T) (795)
**4.00 Change That** (r) (T) (9178530)
**4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook** (T) (9188917)
**4.55 Lowri** (T) (7043443)
**5.30 Cricket: The Ashes** Australia v England. Highlights (406)
**6.00 The Simpsons** (r) (T) (241191)
**6.20 Space 1999** (r) (T) (825733)
**7.15 *Hit, Miss or Maybe*** (r) (359004)
**7.30** [illegible] **Sound Stories** Profile of Moshe Tamir, a Jewish musician who specialises in singing at weddings and bar mitzvahs (T) (443)
**8.00 Quentin Willson's Bangers and Cash** New series. The *Top Gear* presenter Quentin Willson sniffs out vehicles at bargain basement prices (T) (4559)
**8.30 Food and Drink** Guest chef Brian Turner offers tips on stress-free traditional Christmas fare, while Jilly Goolden and Oz Clarke sample the best festive wines for under £5 (T) (3066)

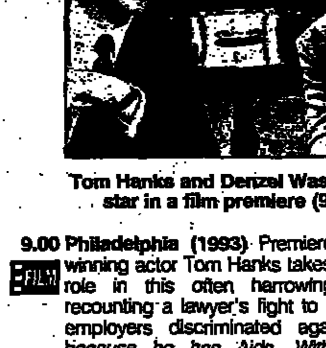


A look at one of the symbols of Christmas: the reindeer (9pm)

**9.00 The Natural World** The Saami people of Lapland, who guide thousands of semi-domesticated reindeer on an annual migration 400km across snow and ice (r) (T) (861837)
**9.50 Trade Secrets** Beauty therapists reveal tips of the trade (r) (T) (986288)
**10.00 Big Train** Comic skits (T) (16004)
**10.28 Video Nation Shorts** (T) (650511)
**10.30 Newsnight** (T) (371085)
**11.15 On Air: The Truth About TV** The rapid emergence of CCTV (3/3) (176022)
**11.55 Weather** (640820)
**12.00 Despatch Box** Political news, with Garth Crooks (14047)
**12.30am BBC Learning Zone:** Global Stories: Pacific Studies **1.00** Water Is for Fighting Over **1.30** The Wheels of Innovation **2.00** Belief Season **4.00** Languages: Spanish Journey **5.00** Business and Training: Skills for Work, 20 **5.45** Open University: Insect Hormones **6.10** Bangkok: A City Speaks **6.35** A University without Walls

## HTV

**5.30am ITN Morning News** (67462)
**6.00 GMTV** (1292917)
**9.25 Trisha** (T) (2923608)
**10.15 This Morning** (T) (928066)
**12.15pm HTV News** (T) (3668795)
**12.30 ITN Lunchtime News** (T) (38714)
**1.00 WEST: Wild Tracks** (28288)
**1.00 WALES: Yan Can Cook: The Best of China** Martin prepares traditional Chinese dishes (28288)
**1.30 Home and Away** (T) (37085)
**2.00 The Jerry Springer Show** (T) (5227998)
**2.45 WEST: Yan Can Cook: The Best of China** (r) (950086)
**2.45 WALES: The Endeavour** (r) (950086)
**3.15 ITN News Headlines** (T) (8903462)
**3.20 *HTV News*** (T) (8900375)
**3.25 CITV:** Wizadora (8990998) **3.35** Titch (3072559) **3.50** Sooty and Co (3425882) **4.15** Art Attack (942066) **4.45** Sabrina the Teenage Witch (9716269)
**5.10 WEST: Animal Country** (r) (6878462)
**5.10 WALES: Wildlife Rescue** (6878462)
**5.40 ITN Early Evening News** (T) (740646)
**6.00 Home and Away** (r) (T) (150375)
**6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight** (T) (348269)
**6.25 WEST: HTV Weather** (768443)
**6.30 The West Tonight** (T) (135)
**6.56 HTV Crimestoppers** (197191)
**7.00 Wish You Were Here?** The idyllic Indonesian island of Lombok and a family holiday in the Algarve (T) (2337)
**7.30 Coronation Street** Jackie tells Deirdre she's moving out (T) (269)
**8.00 Strange But True** A paranormal investigator opens his casebook on hauntings (T) (1085)
**8.30 Great Escapes** On-the-spot footage of real-life catastrophes (9/9) (r) (T) (3820)



Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington star in a film premiere (9pm)

**9.00 Philadelphia (1993)** Premiere. Oscar-winning actor Tom Hanks takes the lead role in this often harrowing drama recounting a lawyer's fight to prove his employers discriminated against him because he has Aids. With Denzel Washington. Continued after the news. Directed by Jonathan Demme (T) (6627)
**10.00 News at Ten;** Weather (T) (37630)
**10.30 HTV News and Weather** (T) (636789)
**10.40 FILM: Philadelphia** The conclusion of tonight's film premiere (T) (7420646)
**12.00 Stuff the Week** Comic review of the week's news (54383)
**12.30am Short Story Cinema** (r) (89863)
**1.00 Football Extra** (68047)
**2.00 World Football** (84573)
**2.30 Club@vision** (r) (8623979)
**3.10 Trisha** (r) (T) (7424370)
**4.00 An Invitation to Remember** with Nanette Newman (r) (87864318)
**4.25 Soundtrax** (87843825)
**4.50 ITV Nightscreen** (65189824)
**5.00 Coronation Street** (r) (T) (76950)

## CENTRAL

As HTV West except: **12.20pm-12.30 Central News;** Weather (T) (6974559) **1.00 Echo Point** (28288) **1.30 The Jerry Springer Show** (T) (8368559) **2.15 Home and Away** (T) (500545) **2.45-3.15 High Road** (T) (950086) **3.20-3.25 Central News** (T) (8900375) **5.10-5.40 Shortland Street** (6878462) **6.25-7.00 Central News;** Weather (T) (348269) **10.30-10.40** *Central News; Weather* (T) (636789) **12.35am Football Extra** (3718486) **1.35 World Football** (r) (9799641) **2.00 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol** (r) (7343554) **2.45 Club@vision** (r) (8611134) **3.25 Trisha** (r) (T) (9047115) **4.10 Central Jobfinder '98** (T) (2438115) **5.20-5.30 Asian Eye** (2226467)

### WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: **12.15pm-12.27 Westcountry News;** Weather (T) (3668795) **12.27-12.30 Christmas Stories** (6982578) **1.00 High Road** (T) (28288) **1.30 The Jerry Springer Show** (T) (8368559) **2.15 Home and Away** (T) (500545) **2.45-3.15 Make Yourself at Home** (6/6) (T) (950086) **3.20-3.25 Westcountry News;** Weather (T) (8900375) **5.08 Birthday People** (8471882) **5.10-5.40 *Home and Away*** (T) (6878462) **6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live** (T) (46733) **10.30-10.40 Westcountry News;** Weather (T) (636789) ***12.30am-1.00 Public Morals*** (89863)

### MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: **12.15pm-12.30 Meridian News;** Weather (3668795) **1.00-1.30 Shortland Street** (28288) **2.40-3.15 *Quids In*** (r) (T) (1792379) **5.10-5.40 Home and Away;** (T) **6.00 Meridian Tonight** (T) (733) **6.30-7.00 Streetwise** (5/6) (135) **10.30-10.40 Meridian News;** Weather (T) (636789) **12.30am-1.00 Taped Up** (1/2) (r) (89863) **5.00-5.30 Freescreen** (T) (76950)

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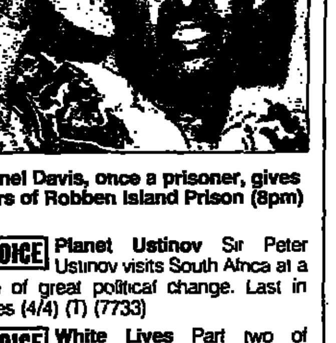
As HTV West except: **12.19pm Anglia Air Watch** (6953066) **12.20-12.30 Anglia News and Weather** (6974559) **1.00-1.30 Split Second** (28288) **2.40-3.15 Look and Cook** (r) (1792379) **5.10-5.40 Shortland Street; 6.23 Anglia Weather** (769172) **6.25-7.00 Anglia News** (T) (348269) **10.29 *Anglia Air Watch*** (654337) **10.30-10.40 Anglia News and Weather** (T) (636789) **12.30am-1.00 Tales *from the Darkside*** (89863)

### S4C

Starts: **5.55am Sesame Street** (r) (43934004) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (46280443) **9.00 The Cosby Show** (r) (46556240) **9.30 FILM: The Ship That Died of Shame** (T) (96954424) **11.10 The Three Stooges** (T) (16874511) **11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier** (T) (49987375) **12.00pm Right to Reply** (T) (46576004) **12.30 Sesame Street** (16052761) **1.00 Planed Plant** (46283530) **1.00 ABC** (r) (T) (66012801) **1.15 Ding Dong** (T) (66017356) **1.30 Hidden Kingdoms** (T) (31730559) **2.30 Personal Services** (2/5) (11423882) **3.00 Garden Doctors** (6/11) (T) (16037337) **3.30 Collectors' Lot** (T) (11435627) **4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (T) (11447462) **4.30 Ricki Lake** (T) (11443646) **5.00 *Planed Plant*** (16032882) **5.00 Rownd a Rownd** (T) (35609801) **5.15 Ffeil** (38362207) **5.30 Countdown** (T) (11434998) **6.00 Newyddion 6** (T) (19028462) **6.10 Heno** (T) (80765917) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (T) (33412191) ***7.25 Beowulf;*** *Newyddion* (72828153) **8.00 John Ac Alun** (T) (16038066) **8.30 Newyddion** (T) (16040801) **9.00 Y Byd Ar Bedwar** (T) (49966882) **9.30 Sgorio** (T) (89642707) **10.35 FILM: Armed and Dangerous** (17596220) **12.15am Glamour Girlz** (40462134) **1.15 Shell Shock** (3/3) (T) (40468318) **2.15 Diwedd**

## CHANNEL 4

**5.55am Sesame Street** (9206085)
**7.00 The Big Breakfast** (16443)
**9.00 The Cosby Show** (r) (T) (9626240)
**9.35 The Last Days of Dolwyn (1949)** Melodrama, starring Richard Burton. Directed by Emlyn Williams (T) (94398849)
**11.15 Words from My Father** Short film about a soldier who visits the wife of his dead comrade (3532375)
**11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier** (r) (T) (9849)
**12.00 Sesame Street** (87153)
**12.30pm I Dream of Jeannie** (T) (36356)
**1.00 Judge Joe Brown** (8674849)
**1.35 Roots to Success** Highlights from the Great Flower Show (T) (75001882)
**1.55 *The Constant Husband* (1955)** Rex Harrison plays an amnesiac who is horrified to learn he is married to seven women. Comedy, with Margaret Leighton and Kay Kendall. Directed by Sidney Gilliat (T) (87018462)
**3.30 Collectors' Lot** Vicki Michelle's collection of frogs (T) (191)
**4.00 Fifteen-to-One** (T) (998)
**4.30 *Countdown*** (T) (9719356)
**4.55 Montel Williams** (T) (7038511)
**5.30 Pet Rescue Roadshow** Horses trained in crowd control (T) (462)
**6.00 Roseanne** Hallowe'en proves scary enough for Roseanne (r) (T) (375)
**6.30 Hollyoaks** Sol and Paul get a festive surprise (T) (627)
**7.00 Channel 4 News;** Weather (T) (658443)
**7.55 Artranspennine** Taro Chiezo's Super Lamb Banana sculpture (T) (135646)

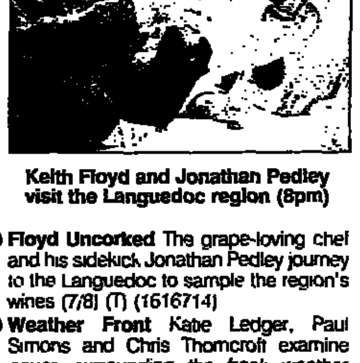


Lionel Davis, once a prisoner, gives tours of Robben Island Prison (8pm)

**8.00** CHOICE **Planet Ustinov** Sir Peter Ustinov visits South Africa at a time of great political change. Last in series (4/4) (T) (7733)
**9.00** CHOICE **White Lives** Part two of Paul Watson's documentary on new South Africa (2/2) (T) (3956998)
**10.10 Adult Ricki** Guests accused of being gay (r) (T) (886207)
**11.00 Return of the Ba Ba Zee** Introduction to the following programmes (167174)
**11.01 Goldie — When Saturn Returnz** Profile of the influential junglist (T) (36207)
**12.00am Chris Rock: Bring the Pain** Comedy with the US funnyman (2502283)
**1.15 Bushwick** Documentary about Brooklyn's numerous hustlers and drug dealers (8743592)
**1.50 Phat Nation** Music videos (9709028)
**2.20 Booked** With Seamus Heaney. Last in series (6/6) (r) (T) (3040134)
**3.00 Dispatches** (r) (T) (9021134)
**3.55 Here Comes the Sun (1945)** Family comedy, with Bud Flanagan and Chesney Allen. A provincial newspaper is given a new lease of life by racetrack touts. Directed by John Baxter (7128825)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00am 5 News and Sport** (6369288)
**7.00 WideWorld** Part two. Insight into the Great Exhibition of 1851 (r) (T) (6110375)
**7.30 Milkshake!** (2759375)
**7.35 Wimzie's House** (r) (6321578)
**8.00 Havakazoo** (r) (7725530)
**8.30 Dappledown Farm** (7724801)
**9.00 The Great House Game** (r) (3358240)
**9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards** (4290998)
**9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (8456627)
**10.20 Sunset Beach** Maria puts her life back together (T) (2643199)
**11.10 Leeza** (r) (8608559)
**12.00 5 News at Noon** (T) (7735917)
**12.30pm Family Affairs** (r) (T) (2356627)
**1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful** Lauren's generosity stuns Dylan (T) (6119646)
**1.30 Sons and Daughters** (2355998)
**2.00 100 Per Cent Gold** (1636578)
**2.30 *Good Afternoon*** (2393153)
**3.30 Simon (1980)** A psychology professor is brainwashed into believing he is a visitor from another planet. Comedy, starring Alan Arkin. Directed by Marshall Brickman (T) (7741240)
**5.20 The Roseanne Show** (9225172)
**6.00 100 Per Cent** (2561917)
**6.30 Family Affairs** Nick is frustrated by Sadie's interference (T) (2552269)
**7.00 5 News;** Weather Kirsty Young rounds up the day's stories (T) (1607066)
**7.30 Wild at Home** New series exploring the everyday experiences of wildlife in unusual habitats around the world, starting with a Renaissance hunting lodge in the Loire Valley (T) (2541153)



Keith Floyd and Jonathan Pedley visit the Languedoc region (8pm)

**8.00 Floyd Uncorked** The grape-loving chef and his sidekick Jonathan Pedley journey to the Languedoc to sample the region's wines (7/8) (T) (1616714)
**8.30 Weather Front** Katie Ledger, Paul Simons and Chris Thorncroft examine issues surrounding the freak weather condition El Niño (2/8) (T) (1635849)
**9.00 Americanski Blues (TVM 1993)** An LA cop holidaying in Moscow is mistaken for an undercover FBI agent by a vicious gangster, and forced into hiding. Action thriller, with Wayne Crawford, William Katt, Daniel Quinn and Ashley Laurence. Directed by Wayne Crawford; (T) 5 News Update (38852337)
**10.50 Dr Fox's Chart Update** (8988627)
**10.55 Nothing in Common (1986)** A young man's upwardly mobile lifestyle is brought to a standstill by the impending divorce of his parents. With Tom Hanks. Garry Marshall directs (T) (29963462)
**1.15am NFL American Football — Live** Detroit Lions at San Francisco 49ers. Mark Webster and Mike Carlson introduce live coverage from Candlestick Park (85457912)
**4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H** (5066329)
**5.30 100 Per Cent** (r) (7364738)

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### SKY 1

**7.00am** The Simpsons (54627) **7.30** The Chris Evans Breakfast Show (42608) **8.30** Hollywood Squares (53559) **9.00** Guilty! (91443) **10.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (82646) **11.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (42882) **12.00pm** Jenny Jones (8760153) **12.55** The Special K Collection (53881288) **1.00** Days of Our Lives (9841462) **1.55** The Special K Collection (77193375) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (6677288) **2.55** The Special K Collection (2676424) **3.00** Jenny Jones (7544646) **3.55** The Special K Collection (8107172) **4.00** Guilty! (86801) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (9882) **6.00** Married — With Children (2207) **6.30** Friends (3559) **7.00** The Simpsons (7581) **7.30** Real TV (2443) **8.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (12714) **9.00** Sliders (32578) **10.00** South Park (58004) **10.30** Seinfeld (34424) **11.00** Friends (87530) **11.30** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (13040) **12.30am** Renegade (97573) **1.30** Long Play (4704283)

### SKY BOX OFFICE

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SKY BOX OFFICE 3 (Transponder 58) **Contact (1997)**
SKY BOX OFFICE 4 (Transponder 58) **Cop Land (1997)**

### FILMFOUR

**6.00pm A Feast at Midnight (1994)** (2108578) **8.00 Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café (1991)** (50472153) **10.10 Kama Sutra: A Tale of Love (1996)** (2537288) **12.00am Wide Sargasso Sea (1993)** (1534106) **1.40 sex, lies and videotape (1989)** (2925309) **3.20 The Navigator: A Medieval Odyssey (1988)** (37025819) **5.00** Gunbuster (3584554) **6.00** Close

### SKY PREMIER

**6.00am Mother Knows Best (1997)** (79443) **8.00 Old Yeller (1957)** (31288) **10.00 The Preacher's Wife (1996)** (85646) **12.00pm Mother Knows Best (1997)** (14511) **2.00 Old Yeller (1957)** (29462) **3.30** Barry Norman's Film Night (9733) **4.00 Shaughnessy (1996)** (2355) **6.00 Larger Than Life (1996)** (67895) **8.00 The Preacher's Wife (1996)** (55040) **10.00 Sudden Death (1995)** (815882) **11.50 Extreme Measures (1996)** (308917) **1.50am Outrage (1997)** (7548711) **3.20 The War of the Roses (1989)** (57149221)

### SKY MOVIEMAX

**6.00am Weekend Reunion (1990)** (79283269) **7.45 That's Right, You're Wrong (1939)** (10733882) **9.30 Sense and Sensibility (1995)** (48258808) **11.45 Return to Snowy River (1988)** (89095172) **1.25pm The Undercover Kid (1995)** (44844462) **3.00 Weekend Reunion (1990)** (18356) **5.00 Return to Snowy River (1988)** (69949288) **6.45 Sense and Sensibility (1995)** (28469882) **9.00 Grace of My Heart (1996)** (17269) **11.00 Anaconda (1997)** (53917) **12.30am Every Nine Seconds (1997)** (59931) **2.00 Mind Breakers (1996)** (139912) **3.35 Hidden in America (1996)** (21117931)

### SKY CINEMA

**4.00pm Flying Down to Rio (1933)** (7632375) **6.00 No Highway in the Sky (1951)** (9048337) **8.00 The Rain People (1969)** (9043882) **10.00 The Milagro Beanfield War (1988)** (1340559) **12.00am Earth vs the Flying Saucers (1956)** (6755080) **1.30** The Directors: The Films of Herbert Ross (8376457) **2.30 The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox (1976)** (2586905) **4.15 Love Me Tender (1956)** (7855874)

### TNT

**9.00pm Skyjacked (1972)** (65475714) **11.00 Coma (1978)** (23501202) **1.15am The Hunger (1983)** (18371979) **3.00 Skyjacked (1972)** (14025592) **5.00** Close

### SKY SPORTS 1

**7.00am** Football Special **8.30** Racing News **9.00** Aerobics Oz Style **9.30** World Sport Special **10.00** World Pool Masters **11.00** Football League Review **12.00pm** Aerobics Oz Style **12.30** What a Weekend **1.00** Football Special **2.30** Spanish Football **4.30** V-Max **5.00** World Pool Masters **6.00** Sports Centre **6.30** What a Weekend **7.00** Live Monday Night Football **10.15** Sports Centre **10.30** Football League Review **11.30** V-Max **12.00am** Sports Centre **12.15** Monday Night Football **2.15** Football League Review **3.15** Sports Centre **3.30** Close

### SKY SPORTS 2

**7.30am** Racing News **8.00** Wild Spirits **8.30** H2O **9.00** Live Cricket **4.00pm** Cricket **6.00** World Windsurfing **6.30** Cricket **8.00** Cricket **10.00** Table Tennis **11.00** World Pool Masters **12.00am** Live International Cricket

### SKY SPORTS 3

**12.00pm** Basketball **2.30** Golf: Presidents Cup **4.30** World Windsurfing **5.00** Football League Review **6.00** Fish TV **7.00** World Motor Sport **10.00** Dickie Davies' Sporting Heroes **11.00** Golden Age of Motor Racing **11.30** Close

### EUROSPORT

**7.30am** Swimming **9.00** Biathlon **10.30** Luge **11.30** Alpine Skiing **12.30pm** Athletics **1.30** Ski-Jumping **3.00** Biathlon **4.30** Live Alpine Skiing **5.30** Ski-Jumping **6.15** Extreme Sports **7.15** Live Alpine Skiing **8.00** Car Racing **9.00** Boxing **10.00** Football: Eurogoals **11.30** Alpine Skiing **12.30am** Close

### UK GOLD

**7.00am** Crossroads **7.30** Neighbours **7.55** EastEnders **8.30** The Bill **9.00** The Bill **9.30** The House of Eliott **10.30** Angels **11.00** Dallas **11.55** Neighbours **12.25pm** EastEnders **1.00** Juliet Bravo **2.00** Dallas **2.55** The Bill **3.25** The Bill **3.55** EastEnders **4.30** Angels **5.00** All Creatures Great and Small **6.00** Due South **7.00** May to December **7.40** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum **8.20** Dad's Army **9.00** Pat and Margaret **10.45** *Taggart* **11.50** *The Bill* **12.20am** *The Bill* **12.50** Sports Anorak of the Year **1.20** Spender **2.15** Best of the Old Grey Whistle Test **2.50** Shopping with Screenshop

### GRANADA PLUS

**6.00am** The Box **7.00** On the Buses **7.30** The Farm Street Gang **8.00** That's My Boy **8.30** *No Honestly* **9.00** *Classic Coronation Street* **9.30** Emmerdale Farm **10.00** thirtysomething **11.00** Hawaii Five O **12.00pm** Classic Coronation Street **12.30** *Emmerdale Farm* **1.00** *The Piglet Files* **1.30** Watching **2.00** thirtysomething **3.00** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **4.00** The Professionals **5.00** Hawaii Five O **6.00** *Emmerdale Farm* **6.30** Classic Coronation Street **7.00** Mission: Impossible **8.00** The Professionals **9.00** Classic Coronation Street **9.30** Sez Les **10.00** Jokers Wild **10.30** Hogan's Heroes **11.00** Granada Men and Motors



Mary Stuart Masterson and Stan Shaw in the touching drama *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café* (FilmFour, 8pm)

### DISNEY CHANNEL

**6.00am** Bear in the Big Blue House **6.25** Classic Toons **6.35** Gummi Bears **7.00** Classic Toons **7.10** Aladdin **7.35** 101 Dalmatians **8.00** Goof Troop **8.25** Classic Toons **8.30** Timon and Pumbaa **8.45** New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh **9.00** The Adventures of Spot **9.07** Animal Shelf **9.17** Pocket Dragons **9.30** Bear in the Big Blue *House* **9.55** *The Toothbrush Family* **10.00** Bite Size **10.12** Tots TV **10.30** The Big Garage **10.45** PB and J Otter **11.00** Sesame Street **12.00pm** The Adventures of *Spot* **12.07** *Animal Shelf* **12.17** Pocket Dragons **12.30** Bear in the Big Blue House **12.55** The Toothbrush Family **1.00** Bite Size **1.12** Tots TV **1.30** The Big Garage **1.45** PB *and J Otter* **2.00** New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh **2.30** Quack Pack **3.00** The Little Mermaid **3.30** Timon and Pumbaa **3.45** Aladdin **4.10** 101 Dalmatians **4.40** Art Attack **5.00** Smart Guy **5.30** Microsoap **5.45** Recess **6.00** The Wonder Years **6.30** Boy Meets World **7.00** Pepper Ann **7.15** Brotherly Love **7.45** Microsoap **8.00** FILM: **Gold Rush (1997)** **9.30** Microsoap **10.00** Close

### FOX KIDS NETWORK

**6.00am** Power Rangers Turbo **6.30** Power Rangers Turbo **7.00** Mortal Kombat **7.30** Donkey Kong Country **8.00** Goosebumps **8.30** Beetleborgs Metallix **9.00** Masked Rider **9.30** The Incredible Hulk **10.00** Iron Man **10.30** X-Men **11.00** Spiderman **11.30** Life with Louie **12.00pm** Ace Ventura **12.30** Casper **12.45** Toonsylvania **1.00** Sam and Max **1.15** *Home to Rent* **1.30** *The Incredible Hulk* **2.00** Iron Man **2.30** X-Men **3.00** Spiderman **3.30** Roy and Lisa's Big Ride **3.35** Mortal Kombat **4.00** Sam and Max **5.00** Goosebumps **5.30** Eerie, Indiana: The Other Dimension **6.00** Donkey Kong Country **6.30** Mowgli: The New Adventures of Jungle Book **7.00** Close

### NICKELODEON

**6.00am** Fraggle Rock **6.30** Muppet Babies **7.00** Hey Arnold! **7.30** Rugrats **8.00** Doug **8.30** Arthur **9.00** Children's BBC **10.00** Wimzie's House **10.30** Babar **11.00** The Magic School Bus **11.30** PB Bear/Ivor the Engine/Magic Mountain/Captain Pugwash/Oscar and Friends **12.00pm** Rugrats **12.30** Blue's Clues **1.00** Bananas in Pyjamas **1.30** *Little Bear Stories* **2.00** Rocky and the Dodos/Bagpuss/Mr Men **2.30** Children's BBC **3.00** Children's BBC **3.30** Angry Beavers **4.00** Catdog **4.30** *Rugrats* **5.00** *Sister Sister* **5.30** Kenan and Kel **6.00** Sabrina the Teenage Witch **6.30** Moesha **7.00** Close

### TROUBLE

**7.00am** California Dreams **7.30** Hang Time **8.00** Saved by the Bell: The New Class **8.30** USA High **9.00** Heartbreak High **10.00** Sweat **10.30** Hollyoaks **11.00** Sweet Valley High **11.30** California Dreams **12.00pm** In the House **12.30** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **1.00** Heartbreak High **2.00** Hollyoaks **2.30** Sweat **3.00** Ready or Not **3.30** USA High **4.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **4.30** In the House **5.00** Saved By the Bell: The New Class **5.30** Sweet Valley High **6.00** Hang Time **6.30** Movies, Games and Videos **7.00** USA High **7.30** Ready or Not

### BRAVO

**6.00pm** Real Stories of the Highway Patrol **6.30** Bushido **9.00** LAPD **9.30** Cops **10.00** Extreme Championship Wrestling **10.30** Scary Sex: Sexy Sci-fi Drama **11.00** FILM: **Thirst (1979)** **1.00am** Sex Bytes **1.35** Scary Sex: Sexy Sci-fi Drama **2.05** Extreme Championship Wrestling **2.35** Cops **3.05** FILM: **Adventures of a Private Eye (1977)** **5.00** Freaky Stories **5.30** Bushido **6.00** Close

### PARAMOUNT COMEDY

**7.00pm** Clueless **7.30** Desmond's **8.00** Roseanne **8.30** Just Shoot Me **9.00** Cybill **9.30** Seinfeld **10.00** Frasier **10.30** Cheers **11.00** Festival of Fun I **11.30** The Larry Sanders Show **12.00am** The Late Show with David Letterman **1.00** Taxi **1.30** The Critic **2.00** Dr Katz **2.30** Soap **3.00** Hooperman **3.30** Nightstand **4.00** Close

### THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

SATELLITE: 8pm-MIDNIGHT ONLY

**7.30am** Bloomberg Information Television **8.00** Sightings **9.00** Battlestar Galactica **10.00** Quantum Leap **11.00** Dark Shadows **11.30** New Alfred Hitchcock **12.00pm** The Twilight Zone **12.30** The Twilight Zone **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** Time Trax **3.00** Battlestar Galactica **4.00** Amazing Stories **4.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles **5.00** Sightings **6.00** Time Trax **7.00** Quantum Leap **8.00** Sightings **9.00** PSI Factor — *Chronicles of the Paranormal* **10.00** *FILM:* **Witchboard — The Possession (1995)** **11.45** Sci-Fi Channel Special **12.00am** PSI Factor — Chronicles of the Paranormal **1.00** FILM: **Witchboard — The Possession (1995)** **2.45** Sci-Fi Channel Special **3.00** The Twilight Zone **3.30** Dark Shadows **4.00** Close

### HOME & LEISURE

**6.00am** The Joy of Painting **6.30** Gardeners' Diary **7.00** Garden Club **7.30** Our House **8.00** Rex Hunt Fishing Adventures **8.30** Doorstep DIY **9.00** The Joy of Painting **9.25** The Home and Leisure House **9.30** Gardeners' Diary **10.00** *Garden Club* **10.30** *Our House* **11.00** Rex Hunt Fishing Adventures **11.30** Doorstep DIY **12.00pm** Home Again with Bob Vila **12.30** The House **1.00** A Cook on the Wild *Side* **1.30** *In the Workshop* **2.00** *Our House* Down Under **2.30** Gimme Shelter **3.00** Two's Country **3.30** This Old House with Steve and Norm

### DISCOVERY

**4.00pm** Rex Hunt's Fishing World **4.30** Walker's World **5.00** Connections 2 by *James Burke* **5.30** *Jurassica* **6.00** *Animal* Doctor **6.30** Alaskan Wilds **7.30** Beyond 2000 **8.00** Wilder Discovery: Walk on the Wild Side **9.00** Natural Disasters **9.30** Natural Disasters **10.00** *Super Structures* **11.00** TSR 2 **12.00am** Empire of the East **1.00** Connections 2 by James Burke **1.30** Ancient Warriors **2.00** Close

### ANIMAL PLANET

**12.00pm** Wild at Heart **12.30** Wild Veterinarians **1.00** Animal Doctor **1.30** Australia Wild **2.00** ESPU **2.30** Human/Nature **3.30** Animal Medics: Zoo Story **4.00** Jack Hanna's Zoo Life **4.30** Wildlife SOS **5.00** Pet Rescue **5.30** Australia Wild **6.00** Kratt's Creatures **6.30** Lassie **7.00** Primate Special: Monkey Business **7.30** Mountain Gorillas **8.00** Primates **9.00** Animal Doctor **9.30** Emergency Vets **10.00** The Vet **10.30** Australia Wild **11.00** The Big Animal Show **11.30** Animal Detectives **12.00am** Close

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

**7.00pm** Lichtenstein's Hartebeest **8.00** Inside Tibet **9.00** Natural Born Killers: Tiger's Eye **9.30** Natural Born Killers: Kimberley's Sea Crocodiles **10.00** Borneo: Beyond The Grave **10.30** Can't Drown This Town **11.00** Beyond the Clouds: The Fate of *a Missing Relative* **12.00am** *Mystery of the* Neanderthals **12.30** Inherit the Sand **1.00** Lichtenstein's Hartebeest

### HISTORY

**4.00pm** Airborne: Learning the Hard Way **5.00** Eagles of the Crown **6.00** Who Wrote the Bible? In the Beginning **7.00** Brute Force: Tanks **7.30** Playback with Stirling Moss

### CARLTON FOOD [CABLE]

**9.00am** Food Network Daily **9.30** Food for Thought **10.00** The Restaurant Show **10.30** Twelve Chefs of Christmas **11.00** What's Cooking? **11.30** Coxon's Kitchen College **12.00pm** *Food Network Daily* **12.30** *Winter* Nosh **1.00** Food for Thought **1.30** Rustie's Real Cooks **2.00** Turner's Tour of Hong Kong **2.30** Food Network Daily **3.00** Slice of *Life* **3.30** *Twelve Chefs of Christmas* **4.00** Vin Ordinaire **4.30** An Umbrian Kitchen **5.00** Close

### LIVING

**6.00am** Tiny Living **9.00** The Roseanne Show **9.50** The Jerry Springer Show **10.40** Michael Cole **11.30** Brookside **12.00pm** *Living Issues* **12.30** *Rescue 911* **1.00** Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction **1.30** Ready, Steady, Cook **2.05** Rolonda **2.55** Living it Up! **3.55** The Jerry Springer Show **4.45** *Tempest* **5.35** *Can't Cook, Won't Cook* **6.10** The Jerry Springer Show **7.00** Rescue 911 **7.30** Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction **8.00** Ally McBeal **9.00** FILM: **The Only Way Out (1993)** **11.00** The Spicy Sex Files **12.00am** Close

### ZEE TV

**5.00am** Punjabi Folk Songs **5.30** Music Time **6.00** Your Zindagi **6.30** Beegi Ke Pg **7.00** Jaagran **7.30** Daily News **8.00** Ru-Ba-Ru **8.30** Sailaab **9.00** Daastan **9.30** Mujhe Chaand Chahiye **10.00** Awaazam **11.00** Jhat Pat Khana **11.30** Parampara **12.00pm** FILM: **Urdu Movie: Bobby** **3.00** Ikke Pe Ikka **3.30** Do Aur Do Paanch **4.00** Campus **4.30** Quiz Contest **5.00** Andaz **5.30** Chahat Aur Nafrat **6.00** Music Mag **6.30** Teacher **7.00** Ghar Jamai **7.30** Film Baatein **8.00** News **8.30** Gumrah **9.00** KTC Sa Re Ga Ma **10.00** Shapath **10.30** Mysteries **11.30** Bhim TV **12.00am** News **12.30** Aap Ki Adalat **1.00** Chashme Baddoor **1.30** Reahai **2.00** FILM: **Tamil Movie: Deva Raagam** **4.30** Tamil Programme



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# BUSINESS

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Roger Bootle on the euro's high price



BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

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## GEC to admit discussions after plans leaked

By Chris Ayres

GEC, the British defence group, will today make a formal Stock Exchange announcement admitting "intense discussions" with a number of big players in the global defence industry after leaked details of plans that could blow apart the £14 billion merger of British Aerospace (BAe) and DaimlerChrysler Aerospace (Dasa).

The company faced embarrassing leaks over the weekend — thought to have come from the BAe camp — suggesting that it had offered BAe an alternative deal to its merger with Dasa. Some reports suggested that GEC had proposed a full merger, while others said GEC had offered to merge its Marconi Electronics division, worth about £8 billion, into BAe. In return, GEC would ask for a 50 per cent stake in the enlarged business.

If either of these offers materialised it could explode BAe's long-awaited merger with Dasa, which was expected to be completed this week. Alternatively, BAe could rearrange its merger with Dasa to include GEC. It is thought that the heads of BAe and GEC — Sir Richard Evans and Lord Simpson of Dunkeld respectively — have discussed a deal where Marconi Electronics would be added to the combined businesses of BAe and Dasa in a second stage to their merger.

The strategy behind all the proposed deals is to create a consolidated European aerospace and defence company to take on giant US groups such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon. It is thought that BAe and Dasa have considered including Aérospatiale, the French defence group that will soon be privatised, into their original deal.

BAe yesterday refused to comment on the talks, saying only: "We are involved in discussions with a number of major industry participants and some of those discussions are at an advanced stage, but as yet there is no definite agreement."

GEC will put out a statement today saying: "GEC notes the recent press speculation concerning the continuing consolidation of the global defence industry. The group confirms that it has been in intense discussions for several months with a number of major participants in the global defence industry. GEC expects to make a decision on its future strategic course soon. This situation remains, with a number of options being actively considered. In the light of press speculation . . . GEC wishes to make it clear that its decision will be based on industrial logic, with two prime considerations: the ability of any industrial combination to produce higher levels of shareholder value on a sustainable basis and for GEC shareholders to be able to participate fairly in the value created."

## Euro fears spark early end to trade

By Marianne Curphey

FUND MANAGERS and institutional investors are so concerned about settling trades before the advent of the euro in the new year and the expected chaos that they intend to cease trading by the end of this week.

Most do not intend to buy or sell UK or European bonds or equities after Friday unless profit warnings or a mega-merger make it essential.

In addition, private client stockbrokers are advising small investors to keep clear of the market until the new year to avoid rogue pricing.

They predict that Seis, the Stock Exchange's new electronic trading system, will react to the thin trading by magnifying spreads, and private investors who are buying funds for personal equity funds could be caught out by erratic closing prices.

The result will be a virtual traders' holiday for the last half of this month — except for the unlucky estimated 25,000 City workers who will have to come in over the various bank holidays to prepare for the euro.

Institutions tend to close down derivative positions and reduce trades in the weeks leading up to Christmas in order to settle the books before the end of the year. The market has traditionally staged a rally in the final weeks of the year, although some fund managers believe the FTSE is now unlikely to rise any further than it did last month.

The issue of closing prices remains particularly sensitive for the Stock Exchange, as they are used by investment managers to calculate fund performance.

The launch of the euro on January 1 means it is even more important this year for them to ensure trades have gone through correctly by December 30.

By January 4 many European bonds and equities will be quoted in euros, which will make it more difficult to sort out a failed trade done, for example, in marks.

Fund managers are also reluctant to trade during times when volumes are thin because the market is less liquid and more prone to volatility.

Rory Powe, head of European investment at Invesco, said: "It is a vicious circle. If you trade on December 24 it will not be settled until January 4, which means that you would buy in francs or marks and settle in euros.

"Although investment houses have been testing their euro settlement systems, they are not all confident that everything will go smoothly.

"No one likes trading when volumes are thin because those conditions create prices which are not very favourable."

Fund managers also believe that nervousness after the FTSE's fall in July, coupled with thin trading, mean that the market is likely to be volatile in the last few weeks of the year.

Mr Powe said: "Good or bad news of an economic, political or corporate nature will result in more short-term volatility than usual."

Jeremy Batstone, head of research at NatWest Stockbrokers, is one of the brokers recommending private investors exercise caution over the next three weeks. He said: "Euro trading is unchartered territory and no one wants to place bets on the market at an uncertain time when it could be highly volatile." He believes the FTSE 100 index will end the year at between 5,200 and 5,500.

Jane Coffey, head of European Equities at CGU, said that, although the City would become increasingly reluctant to trade in the days ahead, it would not stop managers reacting to a profit warning.

RICHARD CANNON



Good will: Merrill Lynch, the US investment bank, threw its doors in London open yesterday to 400 senior citizens, including Chelsea pensioners, to make free Christmas phone calls

## Shell to write off up to $5bn assets

By Carl Mortished, International Business Editor

SHELL is expected to announce huge asset write-downs today that could push the company close to declaring a loss for the financial year, along with further job losses.

The Anglo-Dutch oil group will brief the City this afternoon about its financial targets and business plans, and analysts are expecting Shell to write off between $2 billion (£1.2 billion) and $5 billion of overvalued oil and chemical assets.

Further plans to cut back staff levels are likely, even after the 6,000 job cuts announced in recent months, and the industry is awash with talk of Shell disposals. Candidates are thought to include the US onshore exploration portfolio, the Canadian gas interests and parts of the chemicals business.

Shell's poor third-quarter performance shocked the market and led to a public breast-beating by Mark Moody-Stuart, chairman of Shell's committee of managing directors. Last week, the company took tentative steps towards changing the consensus management-style of the century-old company, appointing chief executives to run each of its four core businesses.

Mr Moody-Stuart is believed to have given ultimatums to senior management at a conference last week, telling them that poor performing businesses would be fixed or would leave the group.

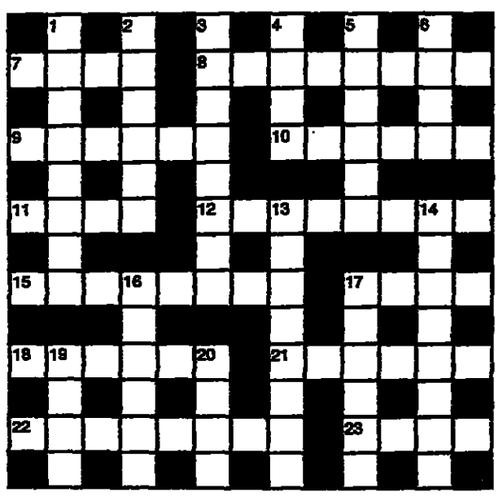
Fergus Macleod, oil analyst at BT Alex Brown, is forecasting up to $5 billion in asset writedowns and points out that Shell's main constraint may be the bottom line on its 1998 accounts. "The question is: are they prepared to report a loss? BP did that in 1992." However, BP was then in worse shape, suffering from a huge debt burden, said Mr Macleod. Shell's problem stems from weak and diminishing returns from its vast asset portfolio. Like its peers, it is suffering from the sub-$10 per barrel oil price but analysts believe it has been complacent, recycling cashflow from past successes into ill-conceived projects.

### Award for Times picture



This candid shot of Sir Robin Biggam, the Independent Television Commission chairman, announcing the decision to axe News at Ten has won Gill Allen, a Times staffer, photograph of the year in the Bell Pottinger Financial Photo Competition

### TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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8 Come close to (8)
9 Prolific (6)
10 Symbol, badge (6)
11 Worthless, deplorable (4)
12 Construct anew (2-6)
15 Break (regulation) (8)
17 Avoid (question, bouncer) (4)
18 Treeless permafrost zone (6)
21 With eagerness (6)
22 A brew (8)
23 Stake; position (held) (4)

**DOWN**
1 One from Erevan (8)
2 Rubbish; decline (6)
3 Senior bureaucrat: type of 17 ac (8)
4 Domed recess in church (4)
5 Much more; a lookalike (6)
6 Dull pain (4)
13 Halting; verifying (8)
14 Tricky (problem); easily made to laugh (8)
16 Element 88, discovered by Curies (6)
17 A French Channel port (6)
19 Longer forearm bone (4)
20 Related, similar (4)

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## Chandler to chair GRE

By Marianne Curphey, Insurance Correspondent

SIR COLIN CHANDLER, chairman of Vickers, the defence and engineering group, is to be installed as chairman of Guardian Royal Exchange (GRE) in April.

Sir Colin is already a non-executive director of GRE and will succeed Lord Hambro as its non-executive chairman at the composite insurer's annual general meeting in the spring.

GRE has been the subject of bid rumour in recent weeks after effectively putting itself up for sale, although analysts say that the group would be unlikely to fetch more than £4 billion if it fell to a single bidder.

AXA, the French insurer that owns Sun Life, has already approached GRE with an informal offer conditional on the GRE board being restructured, but has not yet tabled a formal bid.

Royal & SunAlliance, Allianz, the German insurance group, Independent Insurance and AIG, of the US, have expressed initial interest in GRE, but have not yet made bids.

Analysts believe that even if GRE is bought, it will not survive in its present form. Although GRE has already decided on the succession to its chairmanship, the composition of its board may have changed radically by April if all or part of the group is sold.



Chandler: new role in April

## Institutions may run pensions

By Chris Ayres and Anne Ashworth

LEADING financial institutions are likely to be allowed to run "stakeholder" pension schemes in partnership with trade unions, local authorities and trade associations, under plans to be revealed in a Green Paper tomorrow.

Under stakeholder plans — intended to protect those in casual or temporary employment — workers will be encouraged to pay an extra 4 per cent of their gross income into second-tier pension schemes. At present, workers pay 4.6 per cent of their income into Serps, the state earnings-related pensions scheme.

These schemes will initially be run by independent trustees, but eventually financial institutions and organisations whose members may not have access to good pension schemes will be allowed to administer stakeholder funds.

The move to allow pension firms to take part in stakeholder schemes comes after talks between the industry and the Department of Social Security.

## Soros hints at sterling attack

By Fraser Nelson

GEORGE SOROS, the financier who made £600 million from speculating against sterling in 1992, yesterday said he is ready to try again if Britain remains outside European economic and monetary union.

Mr Soros forecast that sterling is likely to fluctuate wildly against the dollar once the currencies of the 11 countries in EMU are fixed in three weeks' time. If there is a lot of movement within the dollar and the euro, he said, the fluctuations could be magnified in sterling. "It will be exposed to the likes of me taking perhaps speculative swings at it," he said.

Mr Soros is seen as having forced sterling out of the EU's exchange-rate mechanism in 1992, defeating the Bank of England's £12 billion backing of it against the mark, but he is said to have lost bets against sterling this year. He told MPs last week that the world economy is on the verge of a crisis.

Stephen Byers, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, yesterday rejected Mr Soros's remarks. He said: "George Soros himself concedes that he's made quite a few blunders ... I think he's wrong, and the evidence he gave [to MPs] wasn't as clear as that.

"What he did say was that, clearly, once we get the single currency established in the new year there may be speculation, not just affecting the pound, but across the world, and I think we need to look very carefully at that."

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